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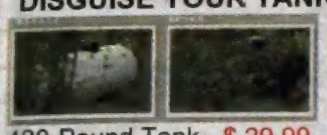
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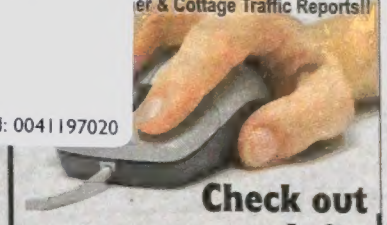
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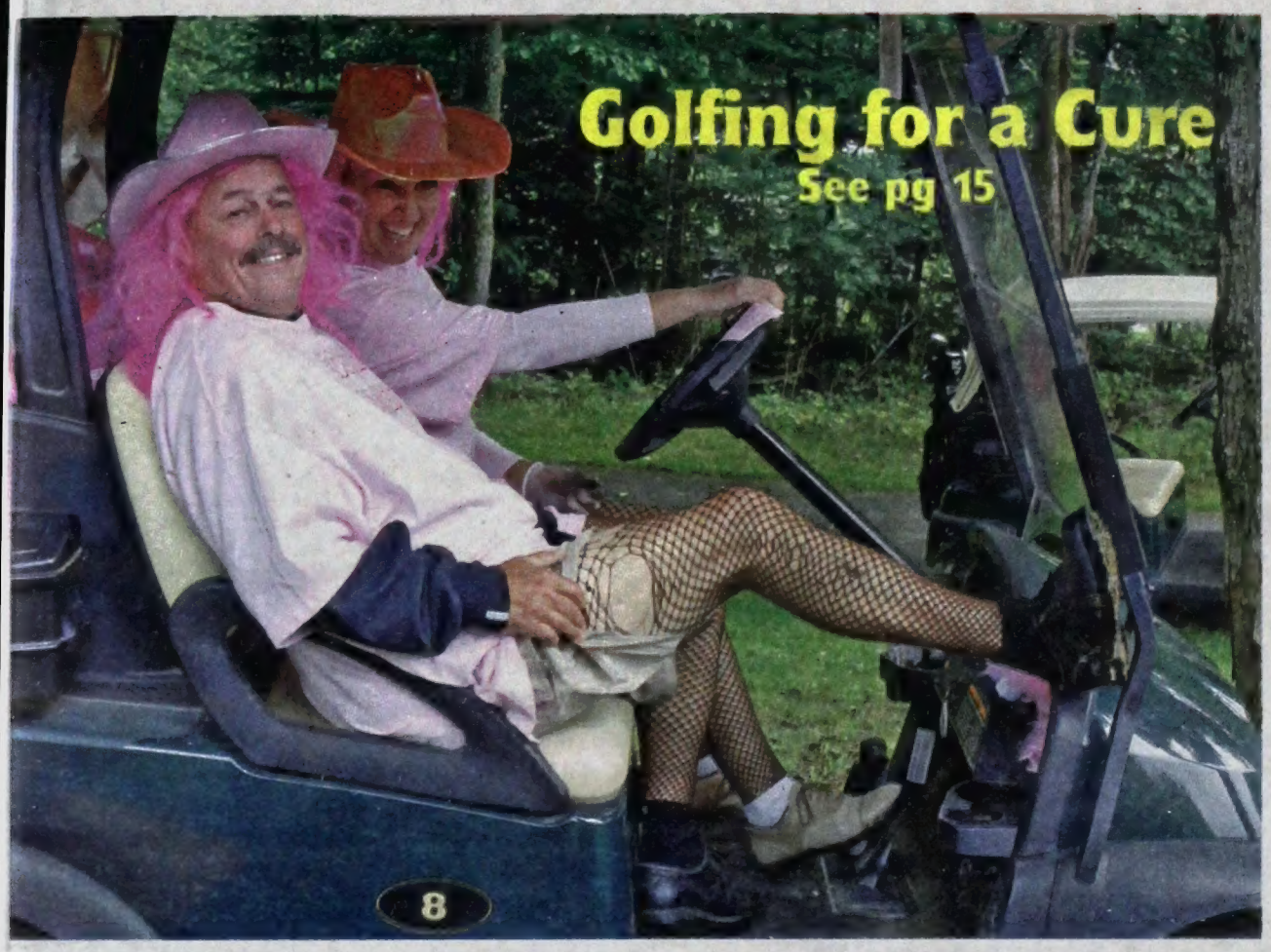

"We're in a very delicate position here."

County Faces Loss of $2.8 Million in Government Funding

Last week Haliburton County CAO Jim Wilson reported that the County could be facing a loss of over $2.8 million dollars in funding from the Ontario Government. According to Wilson, for County purposes, this could represent a property tax hike in 2010 of as much as 28 percent should the provincial government decide to reduce or eliminate their Combined Benefit Stable Funding Guarantee (CBSFG).

These funds are a component of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) established to assist municipalities with their share of social program costs and includes equalization measures for areas with limited property assessment. The fund is also targeted to address challenges that are being faced in rural communities. According to Wilson, the funding has gone a long way to providing a measure of financial stability to Haliburton County during the transition from the Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF).

Wilson wrote, "Not all municipalities are equal in taxing powers due to varying assessment bases, population densities, location and services that need to be provided to their citizens. Due to these circumstances, there is a need for some form of equalization funding and without it, property tax payers would not be able to afford basic municipal services."

At the County Council meeting last week Wilson reported that the matter had been raised for discussion by representatives of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus at the recent AMO conference in Ottawa. According to Wilson, the province acknowledges the concern but contends that with financing the budget deficit resulting from decreasing tax revenues during the economic downturn combined with the burden from funding provided for infrastructure programs during 2009, there is a real potential that the funding could be reduced or even eliminated in 2010 as part of budgetary restraint measures.

Wilson said, "We must lobby to emphasize the impact that this will have on the County. Other counties and municipalities in Eastern Ontario will also be seriously impacted but this is a big hit for our region." He also said, "This type of thing will erase any gain from the uploading of programs to the province and will have a heavy impact on tax rates."

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New Firearms By-law Raises a Ruckus

"They drop a bomb just before hunting season."

Recent changes to the Algonquin Highlands by-law regulating and prohibiting the discharge of guns and other firearms within its boundaries, and more particularly on municipally owned property, has created a bit of a hue and cry in the area. Close scrutiny of the by-law suggests that its wording is far from being clear and may actually, albeit inadvertently, preclude hunting in certain areas.

At least that's the position of Doug Butts, who owns a large hunt camp on Halls Lake and is the President of the Halls Lake Rod & Gun Club. He said, "Hunting is a colourful and rich part of the history in our area; a history that is tangible and very real."

Butts suggested that some of the restrictions seemed to have been put in place based on the amount of land an individual owns but this has not been clearly defined in the by-law. He said, "Crown land belongs to the people and access to it across unopened road allowances (some of which were established by the British in the late 1800's) or even shore road allowances should not be restricted. Don't

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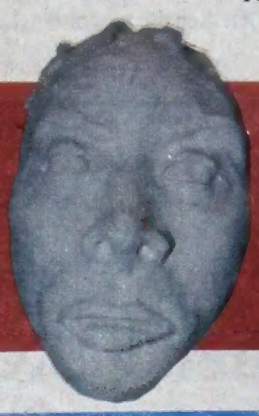
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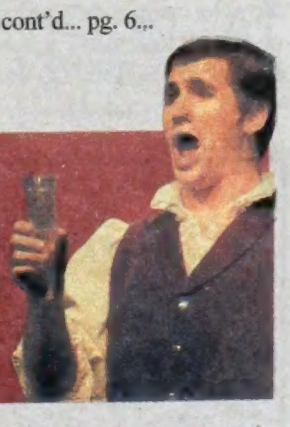
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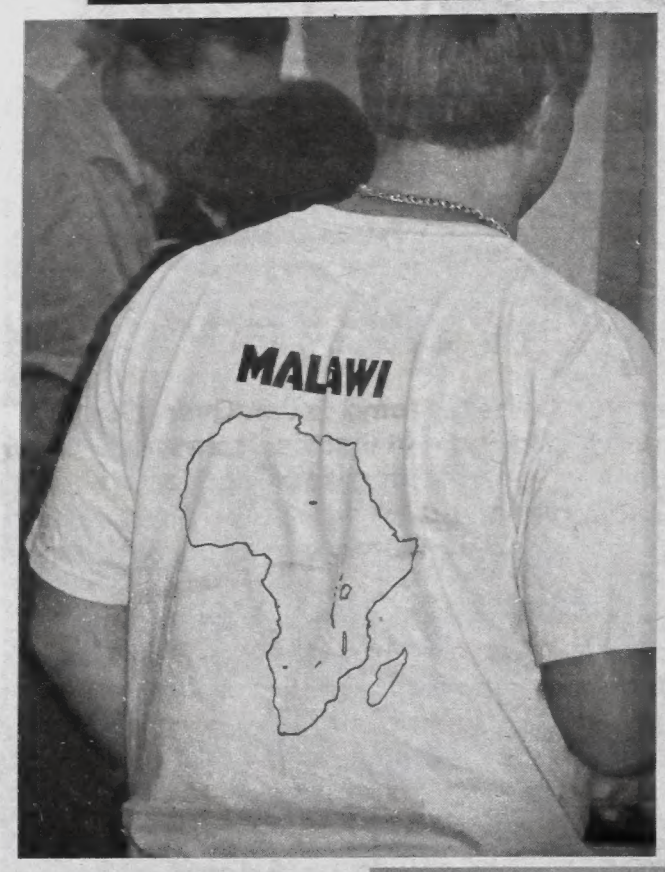

Caitlan Hunter, David Perecko, Stephen Smith, Gary Trapp ,Mark Bangay, Matthew Smith

Back From Africa

by Zoe Cittern

Warm, welcoming and friendly: those are the kinds of words that describe the community at the Lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton. Their enthusiastic spirits and determined attitudes drove them to take a trip that led them away from their homes and families to help those in need. On Wednesday evening, August 26th, they opened their doors to talk to others about the missionary trip they took to Malawi, in south-east Africa in July. Six bold and passionate individuals undertook the 18 hour flight to help in anyway they could. The top of their agenda? Food, water and the backbone to their trip, faith.

Many people have certain perceptions of Africa as a country, often describing it as "poor, barren and diseased". Yet Gary Trapp, the instigator of the trip, who has returned six times so far, wants people to change the way they view Africa. By actually visiting the continent the group saw first hand the harsh difficulties that the locals have to endure on a daily basis. Speaking about the lack of proper water facilities, Mark Bangay described how "if the water pump quits working, then they have to drink dirty water or commit to a eight km trek each way for a clean supply." Not something you'd want to do on a daily basis, but that's the reality of their lives, something that the group are positive to change. Although they don't have much to their name the Malawians are positive and charming people who try to get the most out of their lives. The Canadians gave them a guitar for church songs which they quickly learnt to play and in turn they showed the Haliburton residents their church songs and dances.

Even though its small steps at the moment and "solutions are not straightforward," says Gary, any help, large or small can help bring a change to those in need. Hands and Hearts for Africa (HAHFA) is a church based organisation, not a charity: it was started by parishes in the United States and then made its way to southern Ontario. The group went as part of the organisation, with Trapp being the leader of the Canadian HAHFA. In Malawi they met up with Yonas, a church pastor who resides in Balaka, and started to help him reach others in the community through faith and restore better facilities for the residents.

The group visited Africa for two and half weeks, and managed to complete an abundance of programs which they hope to see last. They undertook a water initiative, drilling new holes for clean water systems: started a breakfast program to help Afreida, a 60 year old woman, who works tirelessly to feed 110 school children. They provided Yonas with building supplies for a new church, and even began to teach villagers how to begin small businesses. All in a few short weeks. By implementing small, fixed structures for their lives the group hope to see a lasting impression made on the village. Of course the worry is, is that once the villagers help has left then the programmes could begin to disintegrate.

However that doesn't mean you have to fly to Africa for the programs to survive. Even those who can't afford the plane fare can still contribute, donations can be offered to HAHFA and supplies can be given to be flown over. Even those who are no longer with us are still making an impact on those less fortunate. Stephen Smith, one of the fellow yolunteers spoke about how a baby blanket, knitted by his blind mother-in-law's mother was given to a six day old baby. "Even though her sight had left her it was amazing that she was still able to knit so well, and when she passed away, my mother in law knitted together everything she had created, into blankets and sent them to other third world countries." When they were helping the Malawians villagers Smith saw the ideal person to be wrapped up warm, a tiny six day old baby, who was brought to the field, as her mother simply had to work to survive, to bring home food that day, so her baby could live.

However Smith believes that these people are "looking for a helping hand not a hand out," by "using long term empowering initiatives and short term life saving acts of compassion" they can make a change. A change they saw in the villages, so much so that the community even kept a few photographs of previous volunteers hung on their walls, a strong reminder of the impact that a few weeks and a few helpful people can have on a small village.

The organisation states that it isn't a charity, rather a determined group of individuals who believe that using their faith and belief in God can help change Malawians futures. The trip didn't just change the Africans lives, the Haliburtonians' outlook on life and attitudes were also changed. It changed how they viewed food and water, as such simple necessities are luxuries in Africa.

The group is confident and optimistic for the future, they are planning another trip this coming fall and next summer. They hope to improve and continue the work they began and carry on fundraising and rapping up support for the upcoming trips.

For more ways to help the fund go to the website www.handsandheartsforafrica.com. You can also contact Gary Trapp by email garytrapp@gmail.com or phone (705) 489-3735 if you'd like more information on joining or donating to the cause. □□

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Barbados	32/27/pc	31/27/pc	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	32/26/pc	32/26/ts	33/26/cl
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Curacao	32/26/pc	33/27/pc	31/24/ts	St. Maarten	31/26/ts	31/26/pc	31/27/su
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REGIONAL CITIES

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Bancroft	22/7/su	22/7/pc	18/7/pc	20/7/pc	22/8/pc	23/9/cl	24/11/cl
Barrie	22/7/su	22/7/pc	19/7/pc	21/7/pc	23/8/pc	24/10/sh	24/11/sh
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Haliburton	22/7/su	22/7/pc	18/7/pc	20/7/pc	22/8/pc	23/9/sh	24/11/sh
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Thursday 8/27	19°C	4°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 8/26	22°C	13°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 8/25	24°C	11°C	0.0 mm

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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

Have Respect for Bicyclists

On the weekend of Aug 7 2009, I was doing a training bike ride for the Minden 150 on the Gelert Rd , when a passenger in a black pickup truck threw a filled water bottle out the window at me while passing.

Those "yahoos" in the truck do not realize the consequences of their actions. If either the bike wheel or I had been hit any harder, I could have spun down into the ditch or swerved in front of the truck that was behind you. I was very lucky that day that neither happened. You could have been charged with manslaughter for killing a daughter, a wife and mother of three children. This is a very serious thing- I am sure you thought it was just a funny thing to do from the comfort of your truck -- time to smarten up.

On a positive note, congratulations to all the organizers and volunteers who made the Minden 150 ride an amazing experience. I met people from all over Ontario participating in the bike ride. Minden has wonderful community spirit.

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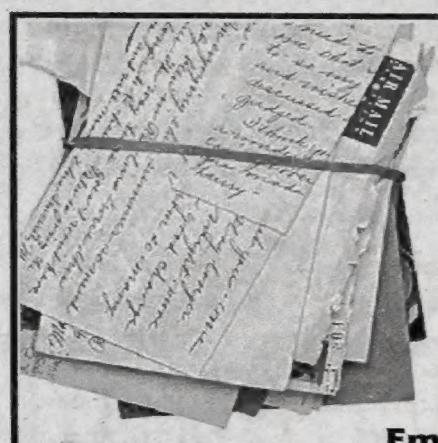

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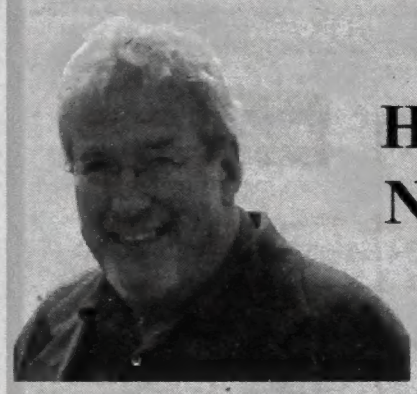
By Stephen Patrick



Health Care: Our Neighbour`s Great Debate

Our neighbours to the south are going through one of the toughest ideological and emotional debates in their long democratic history. No, not Afghanistan, not Iraq, not Iran, not the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, same-sex marriage, or whether to put a salary cap on the Yankees.

No, the debate that seems to be engaging Americans on the most visceral and deepest levels is whether, after decades of controversy, the country should construct a system in which every citizen – or landed immigrant -- should be guaranteed access to full health care and benefits, regardless of income. In other words, some version of what almost every other western democracy offers. If you're sick, you have a right to see a doctor, be treated, be sent to hospital if necessary, be operated on if necessary, be given time to recover, and be treated at least to the standard that most of us would demand for our pets. And if really sick, you have the right be taken care of in a palliative care setting with dignity and compassion.

Many of us remember the days before universal medical insurance became a reality in Canada. Some of us were lucky enough to have parents who paid into various insurance schemes such as Blue Cross. But many did not, and were forced into pro bono clinics, or worse. Then the Progressive Conservative government in Ontario brought in the Ontario Health Insurance Plan in the early 1960s which guaranteed coverage (in a complex arrangement brokered by the Federal Government's universal initiatives). Individuals were still responsible for payment – and if you defaulted you could be in deep trouble. But within a few years those premiums became part of general tax revenues with full Medicare essentially available to all.

The system hasn't, to say the least, been perfect. But for any political party, in any part of Canada, to suggest the wholesale dismantling of the system would be to commit full frontal political Hara Kiri. Sure, the problems the system faces are serious and will become worse as all us baby boomers stagger into middle age and beyond. But as Lyn Winans points out in her piece on New Yorkers and health care on page 18 of this issue, so many of our American friends are genuinely frightened by any suggestion of "socialist medical care" that the debate often descends into mindless mudslinging. The depth and anger the issue generates – even among friends – truly astonished Lyn, to the point where it almost seemed dangerous to discuss it.

I've always been fascinated with ideology, with those wonderful systems of political ideas, and how they play out in our daily lives, and how they can skew so easily so many other assumptions of how we live, love, and work. And too, how those noble ideas can so easily become prey to moralists of all stripes.

In the next issue of the Voice we'll present a story of two children, one here in Haliburton, the other in Provincetown, Massachusetts, who within a few months contracted the same rare and serious disease. How their stories played out will at least illustrate that money and power don't always guarantee the best outcome.

An Apology to a Grieving Family

In our August 13th edition we covered a baseball tournament organized to help the family of a baby who had died in July of a serious illness. The child was just seven weeks old. In our story we inadvertently omitted to mention the care the boy's father, Spencer Bacon, and his devoted family also gave to Ryerson during his short life, and the suffering the family endured. The Voice apologizes to the Bacon family for this unintended omission. □

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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

"There is a stubborn refusal to acknowledge the legitimacy of the opposition to the project…"

As we approach the "end of the summer" and after a few of weeks of quiet on the subject, it might be worthwhile to review the state of the airport expansion project in Algonquin Highlands.

Although the reeve and administration of the township have been saying that the work done up to October 2008 would be sufficient for an environmental assessment of the expansion project, documents produced by Infrastructure Canada and statements made at the public information session in July indicate that the project is likely to face a number of extra hurdles in a process that may take months adding costs that are impossible to estimate.

Opponents of the airport expansion project have been warning of this eventuality and decrying the failure of the township to make any provision in their budgets or the Building Canada funding request since at least 2006.

While we should all be glad that it appears that a thorough assessment is underway, and that an unusual amount of consideration is to be given to public input, the fact of the matter is that the project can, if sufficient extra time and money is spent, meet the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act.

Up to this point, the supportive majority of the council has shown absolutely no concern for the amount of rate-payers' money they may have to spend to get what they want, or whether the rate-payers want their money spent this way.

In spite of the repeated assertion that the current council 'has a mandate' to proceed with the airport expansion, the reeve and various council members have been making the rounds of rate-payers' and lake Association annual meetings, whose membership lists number in the thousands of voters and tax-payers, and been told in no uncertain terms that there is no appetite for the project; Some associations have gone so far as to pass resolutions to help fund legal actions to block the expansion.

At the Halls-Hawks Lakes Association meeting, the local councillor, Carol Moffatt, who had been invited to address the membership on township matters, declined to respond to questions on the project as she felt unable to support the majority council position. The defence of the project was left to Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who had not been slated to speak, and consisted of a rehash of earlier, unsupported projections and responses to specific points from the audience that obviously failed to satisfy those present.

At Oxtongue Lake, local councillor Diane Griffin announced that she will not be running for re-election in 2010, largely because of the nature of opposition to her support of the airport expansion proposal; While it is regrettable that some of the opposition to the project may have become "personal" in nature, a better response may have been for Ms Griffin to re-evaluate her position rather than to declare that she would leave this expensive monkey on the back of the next councillor!

The position of the council majority has hardened to the point where common sense has entirely fled; A delegation to the council in July, requesting that the township formally identify and enter into negotiations with the numerous land-owners who will be directly impacted by the proposed new runway, (recommended in township reports in 2002 and 2003 and in the Business Vision document of 2006) drew an angry response from councillor Tom Gardner to the effect that council cannot be seen to be folding to pressure from the rate-payers. (Who else does council think they should respond to, one wonders!)

Not only would this action have been without up-front cost to the township, but it would have given council some idea at least of the unbudgeted costs to come. Other council members were concerned about spending money before the project is fully approved, forgetting the nearly one million dollars already laid out.

There is a stubborn refusal to acknowledge the legitimacy of the opposition to the project, and the arrogance in councils' dismissal of reasonable questions – basic questions like, "How much is this actually going to cost?" – has caused many to wonder just what the council is up to. Why is it so difficult for them to accept that the people that elected them are not mindless children who cannot recognize their own best interests?

When the people who pay the bills say that they do not want their money spent on a project from which they can see no solid benefit, they should be listened to; When they say they do not want their money used to expropriate and reduce the value and enjoyment of their neighbours' properties, they should be listened to; When the reeve and other councillors speak of democracy, they should refer to their dictionaries.

But it is not just the council of Algonquin Highlands that is the problem and it seems, more and more, that trying to reason with that particular group is a waste of breath; our representatives at the Provincial and Federal levels must also take note of the opposition to this project.

By claiming broad public support for the expansion project which has never existed, by promising increased services which cannot be delivered, and by making unrealistic projections for economic development, Algonquin Highlands was able to obtain (provisional) funding from the Building Canada Fund authorities in spite of well researched and detailed information to this effect which was provided to BCF at the time of the application.

Continued requests for a review of the funding decision to all concerned ministries and up to the Office of the Prime Minister have received only apparently empty promises that opposition concerns would be addressed "by the proper authorities". There has been no evidence of any follow-up, or even any indication of who the "proper authorities" might be.

The Building Canada Fund program was designed to support projects that are needed and/or wanted by the people of municipalities throughout the country, and the idea that millions of dollars might be flowing to a project that is neither of these should raise red flags in a federal government as avowedly anti-waste as that of the Right Honourable Stephen Harper.

Our local representative of the Conservative government, Mr Barry Devolin, who has spoken with representatives of the groups opposing the airport expansion and is well aware of the extent of and reasons for that opposition, has consistently sided with the local council against the wishes of the people and the Liberal MPP has been more or less absent from the discussion since meeting with opposition representatives.

The Joint Secretariat of the Building Canada Fund Community Component (Ontario), who rubber-stamped the provisional funding agreement, is apparently accountable to no-one and refuses to acknowledge specific bases for a review of their decision.

The various Ministers (federal Transport, Infrastructure and Industry and provincial Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, etc.) who will eventually be making decisions on the funding and project approval have been equally silent on the question of funding.

So long as all of these authorities refuse to accept their individual responsibilities and to listen to the people who are having a wasteful and destructive project forced on them, our local council will apparently be happy to carry on spending money without budget estimates, expropriating and devaluing properties and, quite probably, forcing rate-payers to pay for both sides of a number of legal interventions.

There are alternatives to this scenario, and all the actors are well aware what they are.

It has been quiet in the public forum, but opposition continues and will continue at any and all levels available.

Andy Muirhead
Cameron Lake,
Haliburton □

Dear Editor:

"If the local club is going to be accepted they are going to have to supervise their guests …"

Living on the one road approved for ATVs gives me some insight into the problems others may have to look forward to if they are approved on all roads around here.

I would say that 80 percent of ATVers are people who want a good reputation for their sport. If the club is trying to do so, I suggest they really should have a warden monitoring the road through Donald and past my house (which ironically, we gave to the township back in the 70s).

There are those who have a need for speed (often with bad mufflers!) and a curiosity about every right-of-way and don't seem to know what trespassing is. And there are others who need Club supervision.

For instance at lunchtime on a sunny Saturday a week ago, we had about 20 friendly out-of-town riders spread their machines along the side of the bridge by our home, filled up the entrance to our neighbour's property, and all of the parking lot on the other side of the bridge.

They spent their time running their ATVs into the Burnt River via the boat ramp on one side of the road, through the reeds and into the muck on the other.

They said they were cooling off their overheated engines. But, aside from the damage to the water quality and the vegetation, we listened to them for about an hour, gunning their engines to get back on the road, then roaring up the hill and back to clean them off.

If the local club is going to be accepted, they are going to have to supervise their guests – and those members who speed through the area with no thought for the homes and people they are disturbing. A warden would be a start, and perhaps some signage directed at the members and their guests, reminding them that they are going by an area of homes, people entitled to some of the peace and quiet we once had.

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New Firearms By-law

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

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forget that there is a shore road allowance around every lake in the municipality which pretty much precludes duck hunting."

Butts questions why there was no public consultation for something that has such a far reaching impact in an area that is very popular with hunters. He said, "It impacts hundreds of land owners and thousands of hunters."

Sounding more than a bit frustrated, Butts said that Stanhope has one of the highest concentrations of deer hunters in Ontario and called the Council's decision to change the by-law a 'grand diversion.' He said, "They drop a bomb just before hunting season."

Butts said, "The early stage of gun control in the area was like a large volley being shot across the bow and hunters lost a lot of rights. But this," he said, "is like slamming a hole through the bow and is part of a movement in rural areas by people who don't support hunting."

Highlands East Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie, who has hunted and taught courses on gun safety in the area, has also voiced concerns about the by-law. According to Mackie, Butts' camp has been used as a model by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and kids from across the province have been taken on field trips to see the hunt camp, which he says is an extremely tight and well run ship.

While the rationale for the changes given to Council last month was that By-law Enforcement Officer Mitch Ogrady had received numerous complaints about people using gravel pits for target practice, CAO Lorne Mitchell later said that the primary reason stems from liability concerns and a need to protect the health and safety of residents.

According to Mitchell the previous by-law, in place since 2002, also banned the discharge of firearms in residential areas. He said, "We simply expanded the by-law to include municipal properties."

"People can still target shoot on private rural residential lands and everyone should keep in mind that the by-law is only intended to prohibit target practice and not hunting," said Mitchell.

When the problem with including shore road allowances and unopened municipal road allowances was raised, Mitchell commented that their by-law enforcement officer would only react to complaints. But the fact remains that the present wording of the by-law is not clear and opens up a lot of concern among hunters who are in the throes of preparing for the upcoming hunting season.

Mitchell said that Ogrady had spoken with MNR officials about a meeting with Council. He also said that MNR has collected a number of sample by-laws that regulate firearms that will form part of future discussions. He said, "They'll have a look at how the by-laws are crafted and we may have to tweak ours a bit after that." (Butts has also spoken with MNR officials who have advised him that the by-law may have created some jurisdictional issues.)

Mitchell said that the Ontario Anglers and Hunters had also raised concerns. He said, "The perception seems to be that it is our aim to stop hunting, which is not the intent at all. If we can amend or alter the by-law to clarify things we will do that."

Reeve Eleanor Harrison and Ward Councillor Carol Moffatt voiced similar sentiments. Harrison said, "Our main concern was target practice and if the by-law needs to be changed we can do that. We were trying to help our by-law officer with something that he perceives as a problem. I hope that people will come forward so we can develop something that will work for all concerned."

Butts, on the other hand, has suggested that the change could simply by part of a move to bring about more gun control in Algonquin Highlands. As a result, he is contemplating getting a letter writing campaign underway to ensure that the Council is fully aware of the extent of the problem they have created.

Harrison mentioned that both Councillors Don Shortread and Diane Griffin are hunters and that it was never Council's intent to interfere with hunt camps. She also voiced some disappointment in the fact that no one had actually come forward to any member of Council with their concerns.

Moffatt said, "Hunting is a large part of our culture and if we have put something in place that has restricted or compromises that culture, we need to take a second look at it." Moffatt said that the members of Council rely on the research information provided by staff when they make their decisions and that she would have no problem discussing the matter again or revisiting the by-law.

Moffatt said that sighting in guns is not the same as shooting at tin cans in the quarry or at the dump. "The intent of the by-law may differ from the final wording and if we have overlooked something, I would welcome hearing what people have to say."

Meanwhile, hunting season is rapidly approaching and it is unlikely that any changes will be made before the wild fowl begin to duck for cover.□

County Faces Loss of Government Funding

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

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Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who attended the AMO meetings, said that the Minister of Finance had confirmed that there were absolutely no plans for the funding to continue in 2010. She said, "There were no warm and fuzzies at that meeting."

Voicing considerable concern, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested inviting MP Rick Johnson to the next County Council meeting. Fearrey said, "We are in a very delicate position here."

After a bit more discussion, a resolution was passed unanimously to invite Johnson to speak with Council and to send letters to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting that the funding continue to be committed for 2010 and beyond, either in its current format or as part of a new funding formula. □

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Swingin' Around at the Legion

Haliburton and District Lions Club Throws a Party for Hospice

Every year the Haliburton and District Lions Club provides assistance to a local organization, or cause, via an entertaining fundraising event. This year's event was no exception.

On a late August Saturday evening a big band dance featured the sounds of the GTA Swing Band, who had people jukin' and jiving on the dance floor at the Haliburton Legion in support of hospice programs.

"This is at least the tenth year that we've been doing this kind of an event," said David Mills, President of Haliburton District Lions Club, "and this year we picked hospice."

The fundraiser managed to bring in approximately $2700 for hospice programs that are run by SIRCH Community Services & Consulting.

Mills pointed out that one of the band members, Craig Thompson, has parents who live in the area, and since that local connection was already there it made it easier to get the show organized.

Lynn Higgs Thompson, SIRCH Hospice/Alzheimer Client Services Coordinator, said that it was great to receive such an outpouring show of support for hospice.

"They've (Lions) been very supportive," said Thompson, whose in-laws are Thompson's parents.

In addition to catching high-energy performances of popular tunes from the swing era, audience members were able to dine on a buffet dinner that was provided by the Legion Auxiliary.

A silent auction with about 60 items donated from local businesses and individuals also added to the evening's fun and excitement.

Throughout Haliburton County, SIRCH provides numerous programs and services to individuals with a life-threatening illness and their families.

For more information about these programs contact Lynn Higgs Thompson or Linda May Powers at 705 457-1742 or email info@sirch.on.ca.□

More Letters...

Dear Editor:

"One wonders if these public spirited citizens are also against electricity…"

Re: Suzanne Lauten and the folks at FUME and CUME in their fight against uranium mining,

On wonders if these public spirited citizens are also against electricity, since most future power will be fuelled by uranium.

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The First Day of School – Minus 8

Photos & Story By:
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Getting Ready for Back to School

It's that time of year again, school reconvenes for students on September 8th. Traditionally we think of the first day of school as the day that classes begin in September, but the truth is that the upcoming fall term was actually being planned last June when class lists were developed and teacher's assignments decided. Throughout the summer months custodial staff are busy scrubbing and reconditioning floors, making repairs, painting and cleaning lockers, walls, windows and furniture. Heating, electrical, plumbing, communication and fire systems are tested for safety and upgraded where necessary. During the weeks prior to classes administrative staff are busy familiarizing themselves with the latest Ministry of Education and school board directives, finalizing schedules, overseeing the ordering, mentoring teachers and educational assistants and communicating with parents. Office personnel register new students, handle all the related paperwork, update class lists, oversee and distribute arriving orders and prepare handouts to go home for parents during the first week of school.

Meanwhile, teachers are in the schools preparing their classrooms, reviewing long-term curriculum goals and developing appropriate lessons, reviewing past reports to familiarize themselves with their new students, checking that computer systems are working and ensuring necessary supplies are available for students on the first day.

Athletic events, fund-raisers, breakfast and lunch programs, assemblies and other special events and programs are also planned and scheduled.

So it wasn't surprising on September1st. to walk into ASES and find lots of people busy getting prepared to welcome their students back on September 8th, the first day of school. □

Top: Custodians, Angie Reid and Debby McKevey clean display cases for the upcoming term. Above Left: Secretary, Michelle Allore, photocopying materials in the main office at ASES. Above Center: Grade 1 teacher, Lauren Alleway, prepares bulletin boards in her classroom. Above Right: Vice principal, Peter Ferri, finalizes preparation for next week's arrival of students

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Pottery That Enlivens Life

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Clay Stoneware is Perfect for the Home, Garden, and the Art Hive

The Art Hive in Carnarvon is already a very bright, colourful, creative place that is brimming with whimsical, artistic wonders that stretch from one corner of the room to the other. A new exhibit entitled 'Enliven!' has just added another unique ingredient to the eye-catching environment of this buzz worthy arts haven.

In this exhibit that had its launch on Friday evening, you'll be able to discover some distinctive pottery pieces created by Sharon Lynch, a founding member of The Art Hive. With most of the pieces, Lynch has incorporated a garden theme into their look. The bowls and cups are completely functional, food safe and available for purchase.

With a couple of her more sculptural works of art, Lynch has constructed realistic faces that come with different expressions on each of them. She drew the inspiration for them from old illustrations that she discovered in her large magazine collection.

Lynch says that she typically doesn't take on sculptural pieces; however, after taking a course on the human form at Haliburton's School of the Arts last summer, she decided to give it a try.

"I like experimenting," explained Lynch, "and now that's with faces and colours."

Since she loves working outdoors (especially when gardening), Lynch says her art has become a "natural extension" of that.

On her cups and bowls you'll find that bright colours, along with birds such as Blue Jays, which have been painted on to them through underglazing.

Lynch says that she named her exhibit 'Enliven!' because of the positive energy that she feels her work brings into her life and to those around her.

"I believe that when you surround yourself with colourful objects, it can affect your mood… you can create your own environment."

Though Lynch has been a potter for about the past five years, it wasn't the medium she first started working with.

"I used to do watercolour work before," said the Haliburton area artist.

The kind of clay that Lynch currently uses is called speckle stoneware. She happened to stumble upon it by accident, and ever since, has opted to frequently use it in her work.

"I was ordering another kind of clay (mid smoothstone) and ended up bringing this home," she said, while showing off the shiny, spotty look that the finished product possesses.

Lynch's pottery exhibit will be on display at The Art Hive (located at 10239 Hwy 118) until September 10. □

Three Hundred Grand for Highlands East

This week, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin presented Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton with a $300,000 cheque to undertake the clearing of 33 kilometres of road right of way throughout the municipality.

The project is one of three that are being announced this week throughout the area (including Minden Hills and Kawartha Lakes) which are moving forward thanks to an investment of $102 million dollars across southern Ontario through the Community Adjustment Fund (CAF) to stimulate local economies.

Devolin said, "This project is like a poster child for CAF. If the Minister asked me to give him a good example of a project that could be done under the program, this is the one that I would pick. You simply go out and hire local people with chainsaws and get to work. It requires a lot of labour from people who really need the work."

In addition Devolin said that the project can be launched quickly and is part of the work that the municipality needs to do on an ongoing basis. He said, "If the work has gotten behind, it's a chance to catch up. I think it was very clever of Highlands East to submit the application."

When asked where the work will be done Burton said it would involve all of the roads within the municipality and even better, it would be done without the need to hire outside people. He said, "I'm hoping that we'll be able to put some of our local loggers to work."

Devolin explained that the Community Adjustment Fund had been brought up about 6 months ago to help rural communities that have suffered extraordinary job losses and where Employment Insurance applications had increased dramatically.

He said, "There is a billion dollars in this two year program with $103 million for Ontario. We're announcing projects that can be completed in year one now and there will be a second round during the winter. The criteria includes projects where people are put to work quickly as opposed to some of the infrastructure projects that may require further studies or environmental assessments."

Burton, who obviously received the cheque with a great deal of pleasure said, "This is terrific for us. We improve safety, put people to work and we'll have a place to put the snow in the winter. We've gotten behind over the years on something that should have been part of an ongoing process."

Both Burton and Devolin agreed that this is the sort of project that can easily get knocked off the rails when faced with higher priority projects.

In addition to creating employment, CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig reported that the work will result in the roads drying up sooner in the spring and provide better visibility for traffic. Stoughton-Craig attributed the project's success to the fact that, not only is Highlands East (and the County overall) rated as one of the most depressed areas in the province for unemployment but there is also very little retail service industry and only one industrial operation (Hunter's Sawmill) that recently was faced with laying off a crew indefinitely.

Devolin admitted that at the time the application was submitted he didn't know if it would qualify. He said, "In some sense you don't want to qualify because it means that you're in an area that has been hard hit." Even harder, Devolin said was that with 102 million dollars available for projects, the government had received over 800 million dollars in applications. He also said that it was rare for anyone to receive 100 percent of the funding requested, but in this case Highlands East was the exception as the project received full funding.

Devolin said that there would be another round of applications accepted by the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) later in the year and public announcements will be made once the details are finalised.□

Devolin Delivers Funds to Complete Lutterworth Trailer Park Water System

Barry Devolin, Member of Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock visited Lutterworth Pines Trailer Park in Minden on Tuesday to make an announcement regarding investments to stimulate the local economy.

He delivered a cheque to Minden Hills representatives, which will be used to complete the water system for Lutterworth Pines Trailer Park. The municipality managed to procure a $494,500.00 provincial grant last year that was used to get the well and filtration system in place. The latest grant of $350,000 will be invested to complete the water distribution portion of the project. In 2007 the Ministry of the Environment mandated installation of the new water system through a court order. Minden Hills has managed to cover the $885,000 project through government grants in the two years since.

Grants came easiest to municipalities who already had plans in place for necessary projects, and Minden Hills fit the bill. While speaking to the Minden Hills representatives, Devolin commented, "Some municipalities seem to be able to push the right buttons in the right way, and you seem to be doing it".

"We're shovel ready!" McMahon responded with a grin. □

Above Right: County Warden Dave Burton and MP Barry Devolin
Above: Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon, MP Devolin, Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Minden Hills CAO Gerry Morrison

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Property Standards and Cleaning Up in Minden Hills

"We can't start dictating to people." (Jim McMahon)

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

A review of the 'by-law occurrences report' during the recent Minden Hills Council meeting suggested that a bit more teeth may be required in the municipality's Clean and Clear By-law to actually get the appropriate response from some property owners. Council's discussion also led to requests for action to limit the number of canvas type storage tents or garages.

Councillor Barbara Reid commented that the appearance of one property, located on Green Gables Road appeared to be getting worse, rather than better, despite the property being listed on the occurrence report since 2007. Reid, who was asking that further action be taken, said, "There are three white storage tents, one residential trailer and two trailers full of junk in addition to the primary buildings. There are derelict boats lying around and the site is generally a mess."

Reid said, "This is not temporary storage and begs the question of how many buildings are reasonable on one property." Reid asked the other members of Council to take a look at the property. She said, "It's not bad in the summer when foliage covers up a lot of the problem, but for the rest of the year it is a distasteful site." Reid acknowledged that some progress may have been made but it had not been cleaned up by any means.

Bringing up an age old municipal question, Reid questioned the point of having by-laws that weren't enforced.

Chief Building Official Ken Jones, who is also responsible for by-law enforcement overall in the municipality, confirmed that there had been some improvement on the property, but he had taken health problems of the owners into consideration. According to Jones the by-law has some grey areas. "What some consider a clean site appropriate for a residential area is different in other people's opinion. We are aware that more work needs to be done."

Councillor Lisa Schell said, "With all due respect, the only opinion that should matter is the townships and not what one individual perceives to be a clean lot."

Jones pointed out that if he was to take a poll around the table of Council members there would be a number of different opinions on the matter. However, Reeve Jim McMahon commented that this particular property was unacceptable. He also referred to problems associated with garbage on properties in the downtown core attracting bears and creating a dangerous situation. It was apparent that the property referred to in the downtown core was owned by the same family as the Green Gables property.

Reid said that she appreciated the challenge that the property on Green Gables Road created, adding that there appeared to be an extraordinary obsession involved in collecting things. She said, "The family may have had health issues affecting their ability to clean up, but certainly not their ability to bring in more junk. We may require more resources to help with this situation."

Jones confirmed that he would continue to try to work with the owners, but Reid said, "That's what you've been doing since 2007."

Councillor Peter Oyler said that he had seen the property in question and concurred with Reid and Schell. He said, "This is a question of property standards versus clean and clear issues and raises two distinctly different situations regarding our by-laws. All of us would agree that the property does not meet any of our property standards requirements nor should the neighbours have to live with the situation."

Oyler said that he wanted Council to recognize that they might require Jones to step up enforcement activity on the property. He said, "We have crossed this bridge before and cannot direct our CBO, but I think he has received the message given Council's concerns."

This led Council to a report submitted by Jones on canvas type storage tents or garages. Jones reported that most municipalities ignore these structures from a building permit standpoint as long as they are used only as accessory buildings on residential lots. He also said that from a structural standpoint, the majority of these structures don't meet snow load requirements.

Jones acknowledged that, if this type of building became prevalent on shoreline properties, there would be a significant impact but suggested that a total ban on them would be unfair to property owners who depend on them for winter shelter for their vehicles.

He recommended that these temporary buildings be required to meet setback requirements for each zone, that building permits not be required and that further consideration be given during revisions to the building by-law in the future.

Oyler asked what period of time something would be allowed to remain in place as a temporary use, recognizing that the municipality was not proactive in terms of enforcement. Jones responded that there was little in place to determine that.

Oyler recommended that only one temporary structure be allowed for each residential lot and that they would have to be used for vehicle storage only, adding that the vehicle must be licensed. Reid, however, argued that Oyler's recommendation did not address the problem. She added that the term 'temporary' did not apply to the Green Gables property and that the term 'moveable' may be more appropriate.

Reid also commented that permits should be required. She agreed that the number of structures should be limited, but disagreed with dictating what they should be used for. When Oyler asked what she recommended, Reid deferred to the staff to provide a comprehensive recommendation.

Councillor Bill Obee argued that with no teeth in the by-law nothing would be accomplished. He said, "This is a good start but we need to take it further. The neighbouring municipalities don't allow these structures at all. Meeting the setbacks doesn't accomplish enough. We must have something that the by-law department can work with and people need to know exactly what is allowed.

Oyler agreed with Reid's point that a permit should only be issued for the temporary structures if they didn't exceed the lot coverage permitted.

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch inquired if Council intended to grandfather temporary structures already in place.

Murdoch agreed with the idea that the structures should be used for vehicles only and that storage buildings should be more tangible. She also pointed out that new regulations would require more of the CBO's time to enforce and if it wasn't to be enforced there was no point in proceeding.

McMahon said that the municipality does not have the resources to enforce any requirement that the buildings be used solely for vehicle storage. He said, "People should be able to store whatever they want in them. We can't start dictating to people. What about ATV's that aren't licensed? If there's no enforcement, there's no need."

Oyler however said that the municipality enforces their by-laws on a reactionary basis rather than being proactive. He said, "We would require that they be enforced based on requests or complaints from the public. If you want to be proactive with respect to enforcement you'll have to introduce more staff."

Making a decision on Jones recommendations was deferred, pending further investigation. □

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Haliburton County Excluded from Emergency Planning Costs for G-8 Summit

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Huntsville and surrounding municipalities may be involved in a nightmare of planning for the impact of the 2010 G-8 Summit, but Haliburton County is also starting to get a much clearer picture of the impact the summit may have on businesses and residents and the problems associated with planning ahead. Making matters worse, there has recently been confirmation that little if any funding will be made available to municipalities that have already incurred emergency planning costs associated with the event.

The G-8 Summit being hosted by the Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville was originally scheduled to last for three days, but has now been expanded to four days including Thursday, June 24th through to Sunday, June 27th, 2010. A Local Organizing Committee has been established for the summit comprised of the Hon. Tony Clement, federal and provincial government officials, Huntsville Mayor Claude Doughty, Deerhurst Resort management, First Nations representatives and the Mayors and Reeves from eight surrounding municipalities including Bracebridge, Burk's Falls, Georgian Bay, Gravenhurst, Lake of Bays, the District of Muskoka, Muskoka Lakes and Parry Sound.

In a report to the Emergency Services Committee, Emergency Services Director Pat Kennedy said that his department had been actively participating with Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) and the other municipalities in the County to develop G-8 specific mitigation and consequence strategies and plans.

"I'm concerned that Oxtongue will be severely impacted." (Eleanor Harrison)

According to Kennedy, the planning process concentrated on the possible impacts to Haliburton County resulting from the large number of people that would converge in the area, traffic disruptions which would include road closures and detours as well as general civil unrest as a result of the summit being held in close proximity to the County. He noted that any traffic disruption on Highway 60, which is the primary east-west route, could result in increased traffic on Highways 35, 188 and 117. Kennedy also noted that the media centre for the summit had been moved to Toronto.

Several months ago Kennedy's department submitted a draft budget to EMO at their request, including projected costs associated with planning, attending meetings, workshops, public advisory notice costs and enhanced operational needs that would be required for the duration of the Summit.

Kennedy told County Council last week that, while he had received assurances that funding would remain in place for medical services provided, EMO had confirmed that there would be no funding available for contingency planning. Kennedy said, "I firmly believe that we need funding support to continue the planning process and recommend contacting our MP and MPP to solicit funding and make them aware of the concerns that we have in the area."

Kennedy later voiced considerable disappointment that the planning momentum could be lost. He said that to date there had been a very cooperative effort put into planning among the four municipalities in the County which would stand them in good stead for an excellent long term working relationship. He said that the lack of funding at this point had come as a bit of a blow.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison strongly supported Kennedy's recommendation to contact MP Barry Devolin and MPP Rick Johnson. She said, "Oxtongue have grave concerns about emergency services in their area and they can't get the answers they're looking for. With Highway 60 being closed in the area and the number of check points planned to be in place, it raises concern that they will be severely impacted."

Harrison also said, "As a business community, Oxtongue has been told that service will be curtailed considerably and that delivery trucks will have to completely unload and reload at check points for a 10 day period, possibly resulting in no deliveries at all."

Kennedy assured the Council that a plan was already in place to have an emergency ambulance situated in Dorset or Dwight. However, he also said that the Highway 60 issue was significant as there will be a seven day closure creating considerable traffic concerns along the Highway 11/400 corridor.

Kennedy also advised the Council that all county staff would be checked out by CSIS and if staff members were unable to get credentials they would not be allowed in the area and no explanations would be provided.

He said, "We're only eight months away from the summit and we're not getting a lot of the answers we're seeking. The OPP, RCMP, CSIS, the Department of Defence and numerous ministries are involved and each one of them has their own agenda."

The fact that budget planning is rapidly approaching was also a concern for Kennedy who said that everyone wants to know what was expected of them in order to budget and plan for that eventuality.

County Council acknowledged Kennedy's concerns and agreed to contact Devolin and Johnson to express concern over the lack of funding available to undertake emergency planning for the summit. □

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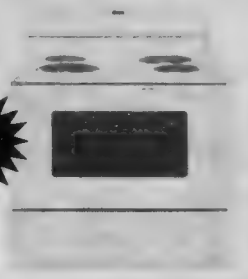

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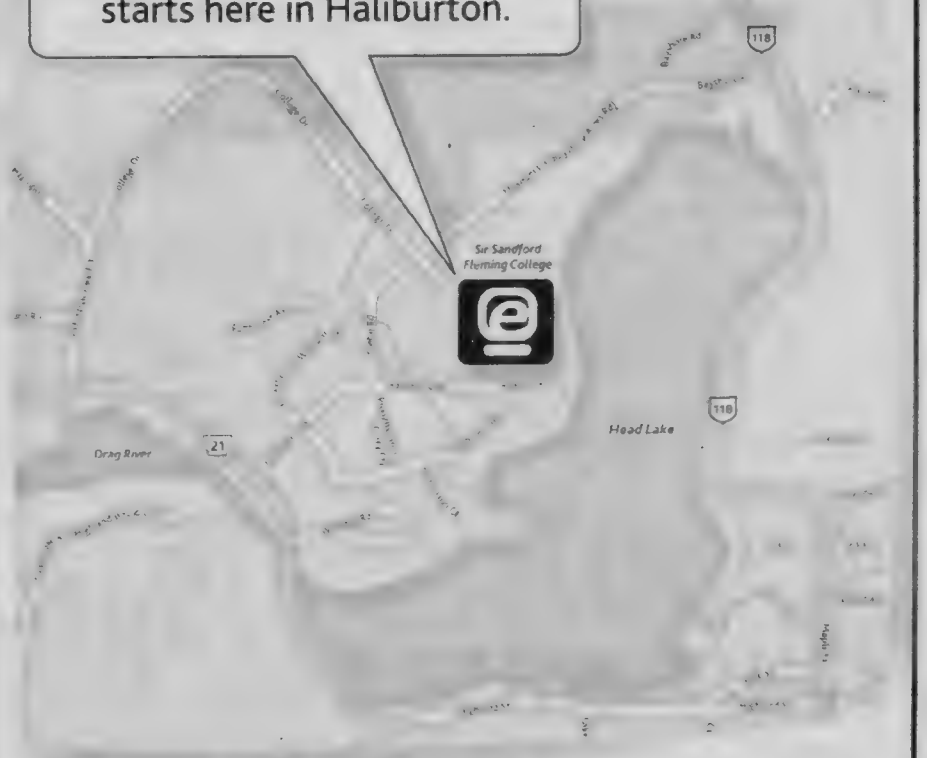

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Introducing Solomon Dicks, Master Farrier And Champion Arm Wrestler

by George Farrell

It's always a pleasure to watch a man who is thoroughly knowledgeable about his chosen profession go about his work. There's an economy of motion, a calmness, with no wasted effort. He's seen and experienced all the permutations likely to arise, and the job is done smoothly and efficiently. There will be no dissatisfied customers, no recriminations, because the work has been done expertly, by an expert.

Such was the case recently, as I watched Solomon Dicks prepare and shoe a massive yearling Percheron gelding, who must have weighed 1000 lbs. Dicks has forearms like Popeye, and although not tall in stature at five feet seven inches, he exudes a quiet strength. He's the kind of guy you want on your side in a punch-up, though he comes across as a gentle man.

Solomon Dicks is originally from Cape Breton Island. He grew up on a farm there which specialized in Standardbred trotters and pacers, which his family raced. He lived with his Uncle Stan from an early age. Stan was a blacksmith and Solomon was banging steel with him from the age of eight. " I started on shodding the ponies which were used for hauling coal and scrap, and by the age of 14 I'd moved up to Standardabreds," Solomon recalls.

At the very early age of 15 he left home. Realizing Solomon's talent and love of horses, Uncle Stan secured a position for Solomon as an apprentice with the famous Canadian Standardbred trainer Joe O'Brien, who was then, in 1976, working out of California. So off to California went Solomon, where he was to work with many other expatriate Canadian horsemen also employed by O'Brien. "We'd all go up to the mountains at Christmas time to get some snow. We'd bring it back down to the valley to remind us of home," Solomon says with a laugh. "My job was working with the blacksmith in the shop. We'd decide on shoeing methods for the horses which were going on the Grand Circuit. Horses were bought down to us as yearlings that had never been shod. We'd take them on the track, and by the way they trained and jogged we'd figure out what angles, toe lengths and shoes to use. I did that work for Joe from 1976 until 1980."

Right from the beginning Solomon's job for Joe O'Brien involved some traveling, which sometimes saw him go home. "My routine was to go from home to the Armstrong Brothers in Brampton, Ontario. The Armstrong's were very famous suppliers of championship Standardbred racing horses," Solomon explained. "I'd stay with the Armstrong's for 2 months to groom and prep the young horses and get them used to being handled by people. Then we'd take them down to Lexington Kentucky to the sales. Joe O'Brien would be there buying some stock and those horses, together with the Armstrong horses, would then be vanned to California. I went along with them."

It was while working at the Armstrong's in Brampton that Salomon met Sharlene who would later be his wife. The meeting with Sharlene signaled the beginning of the end of the heavy traveling routine for Solomon. During his years at the Armstrong Brothers Solomon had taken over foaling duties, which meant bringing new foals into the world, a very important undertaking. "I foaled 108 in one year," he said, justifiably proud of the accomplishment. "It was a record that was never broken. The vet there taught me everything I needed to know about foaling horses and there were always vets on call for emergencies."

I asked Solomon if he'd ever experienced any emergencies. "Only once," was the reply. "It was my very first foaling, and I was scared to death, so I called the vet, and I'll never forget what he said. 'Is the mare alive?' "Yes, I said." 'Can you feel the foal?' "Yes, I said again." 'Then goodnight.' "That was it. I never called him again."

One day while working for the Armstrong's Solomon Dicks got a call from Alberta. It was from the Skywest Farm in Okotoks, and they wanted Solomon to come and work for them. "They were the first to successfully deal with horse embryo transplants, and they wanted me to take care of their studs. I wanted to know as much as possible about horses, and their offer intrigued me," he said. So, Solomon and Sharlene headed to Okotoks, where she worked part time and became very active in the community. The couple's first son Joel, now 29, was born out west. While working in Alberta Solomon also attended the Farriers Sciences course at Olds Agricultural College, where he graduated with his degree. He shod the horses at the farm in his spare time. The Dicks enjoyed there time out west, but Sharlene has deep roots in Ontario. The pull to return was very strong, so eventually Solomon and Sharlene headed back to Ontario with young Joel in tow.

"I started my farrier's apprenticeship at Mohawk and the Greenwood Raceway in Toronto," said Solomon, picking up the threads of the story. "I did that for two years. Standardbreds race all year round and their feet have to be constantly maintained. After two years of apprenticeship I was ready to go out on my own and I worked at Canontario Farms for three years as a Blacksmith. At that time I was just a little guy and weighed 130 pounds. I was just too small to continue shoeing horses full time. It's hard on the body eh, being jerked around? I decided to take a job to supplement my income by working for Sky Jack in Brampton. They make scissor lifts. I was their steel man, doing cutting and welding. They got real big and relocated to Guelph, and I went with them." It was during Solomon's long stay with Sky Jack in Guelph that the Dick's second son Sam, now 19, was born"

The love of horses runs deep in Solomon. "I started and finished early every day with Sky Jack," Solomon explains. I stayed with them until 2007, but I'd be shoeing horses in the evenings and on the weekends. I always had a clientele, and I never stopped shoeing horses."

One of the things that got Solomon into shoeing horses full time again was his love of arm wrestling. He'd started wrestling out west, but he found his niche in Ontario. "I was told that I had to get bigger and stronger to compete on the arm wrestling circuit, so I started going to the gym. I got bigger and stronger and that also helped my horse shoeing big time. I'm 185 lbs now. The horses keep me fit, but I'm setting up my gym at home, because you really need the size to compete, and to shoe big horses."

Solomon has competed in both the Western and Ontario arm wrestling circuits "for a total of about 15 years all told, and I've won many tournaments sanctioned by the Canadian Arm Wrestling Association. My hand and wrist strength from shoeing horses really helped me in my wrestling, and I'm getting back into it," said Solomon from his living room in the cottage they're turning into their home, on the Gull River just south of Minden.

When the Dicks were living in Guelph Sharlene was commuting to Bolton, where she had a job with Husky injection molding for 10 years. "My division eventually closed," she said, "and it just seemed like a good time to make a change in our lives, so we sold the place down south and moved to Minden in

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Left: The "Almost Go-Go Girls" - Kym Greco, organizer Gail Kivela, Elaine Waller Dianne Waller
Above: A bit of a hold up at the fourth.

Last Sunday, Pinestone Resort & Conference Center hosted the first "Golf Fore the Cure" tournament held in Haliburton County. The program is aimed to encourage women's participation in the game of golf by introducing them to the game through fun and non-competitive play. Non-golfers are encouraged to join in the fun and learn the game while supporting a good cause. Through a partnership structure with the Canadian Cancer Society the program has women across Canada participate in golf activities and raise money for the fight against breast cancer. With the help of volunteers, over the past six years Golf Fore the Cure has had over 14,400 women exposed to the game of golf and these women have been able to raise over $1,700,000 towards the fight against breast cancer. The goal for 2009 is to involve 15,000 participants and raise $800,000. Players collect pledges and the money stays within the area of the event. Canada's no.1 ranked golfer on the LPGA (Ladies Professional Golf Association) Tour, Alena Sharp of Hamilton, Ont. is the 2009 Ambassador for the RCGA (Royal Canadian Golf Association) Golf Fore the Cure program.

Pinestone pro-shop manager Gail Kivela read about the Golf Fore the Cure program in a golf magazine and decided it would be something she would like to see here in Haliburton County. Preparations began in May and culminated in Sunday's event. A total of 80 golfers participated. Usually Golf Fore the Cure events draw primarily female golfers, but Kivela discovered that there were 38 men enthusiastic about supporting the cause. Even the wildlife seemed to be out in support last Sunday. Despite cool weather and overcast skies the tourney's 8:30 AM shotgun start went as scheduled, and the weather certainly didn't seem to deter anyone's enthusiasm. By 1:30 golfers were gathered for a well-earned meal, door prizes and announcements, the best one being that they had raised $10,000 towards a cure for breast cancer. □

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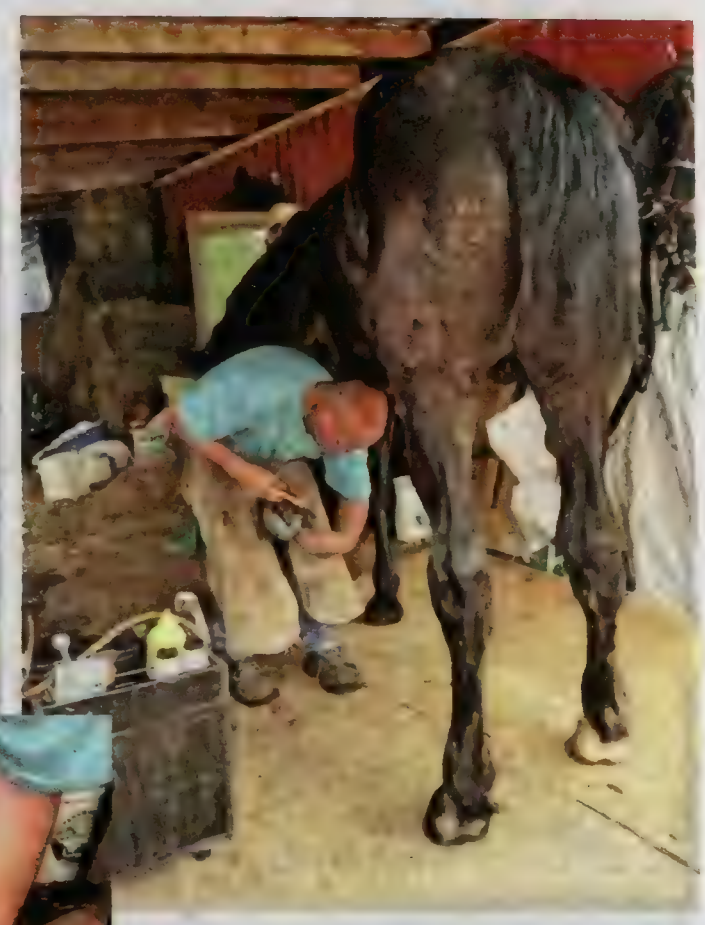

July of 2008." Sharlene has family in Haliburton County, and she's always looked to the Highlands as her home. Her family on her Moms's side, the Pearson's, go way back, and her father is Al Mahaffy of upholstering renown, who now works out of West Guilford.

When I first met Solomon he was working on a homestead on South Lake Road, shoeing that monstrous Percheron. Later, at his home, I asked him about the process of his business. "I return all calls immediately," he began, "and I find out the breed, whether it has had regular hoof care, and if there is a safe place to work. And then we set a time for a consultation or to perform the work required. I have everything in the truck for whatever is necessary, regardless of the size of the horse. I work on everything from mini's to heavy horses over 2000 lbs. I also do hunters and jumpers for shows and gymkhanas. I'm trained to look at the whole horse from head to toe for conformation issues. I then take into consideration what the horse is used for and it's environment. It all dictates how I prep the foot. I'll then trim and balance the foot accordingly. Seventy five percent of my work is foot maintenance, which includes trimming, cleaning the sole and frogs, trimming excess hoof wall, and dressing the outside of the foot and checking for things like hoof flares, breaks and cracks; and fixing them by sometimes opening up the crack and sealing it with the appropriate compound."

Solomon was on a roll, and it was easy to see that he's passionate about his job, and about horses. "I'll recondition the hoof by replacing the natural varnishes, and I'll open up abscesses and drain them with poltices, to draw out the infection. I'll develop a preventative maintenance schedule if requested. A horse will grow approximately one quarter to three eights inches of hoof per month, so they should have their feet looked at and balanced every six to eight weeks on average. Of course I'll shoe accordingly, when required."

My mind goes back to seeing Solomon lifting the foot of the massive horse. It leaned heavily into him. Solomon wasn't budging as he continued his work effortlessly, a man going about his business. He's a man who loves horses. He's gathered great strength from them over the years and he gives back to the horses the understanding and knowledge gained in a lifetime of discovering as much as he can about them.

Solomon Dicks can be reached at 286-2822. "People can call anytime," Solomon says in conclusion, "but emergencies and vet calls take precedence." □

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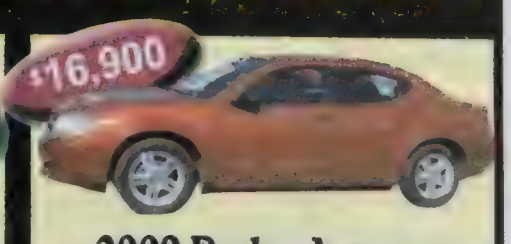

2009 Dodge Avenger
4 cyl auto, a/c power windows and locks, cruise control, tilt, cd player, 24,000 kms.

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4 cyl auto, a/c, power windows and locks, keyless, cruise tilt, cd player 19,000 kms.

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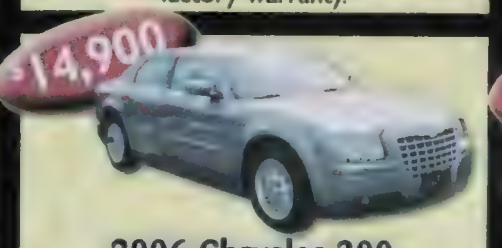

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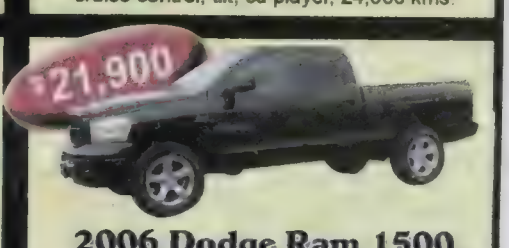

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V8 hemi, auto, air cruise, tilt, cd player, power windows & locks, trailer tow pkg, 20 inch chrome clad wheels. 63,000 kms.

2008 Honda Civic DX-G
4 cyl., 5 spd., manual, power windows, power locks, CD, 48,000 kms.

2006 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab 4x4
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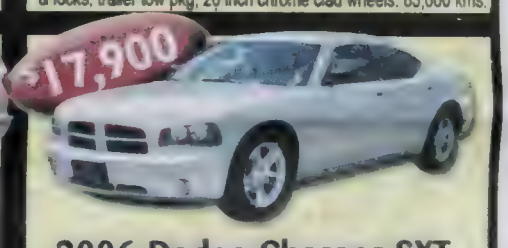

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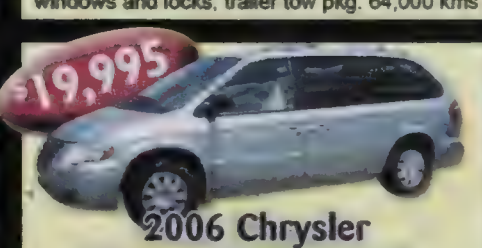

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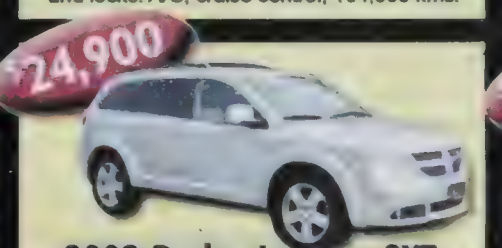

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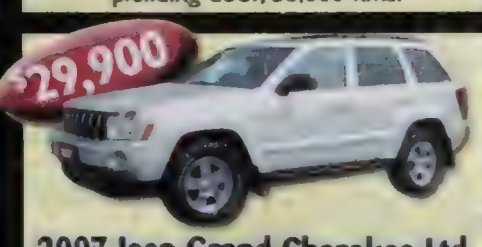

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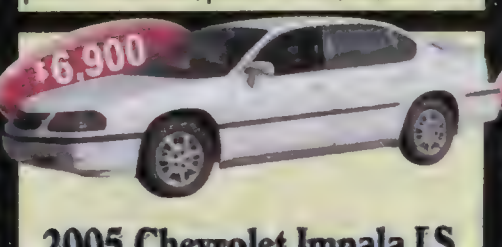

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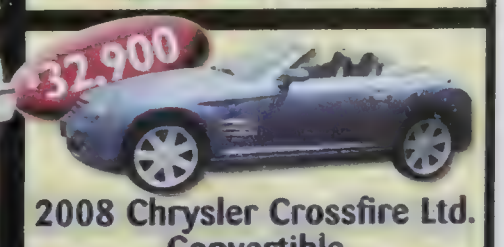

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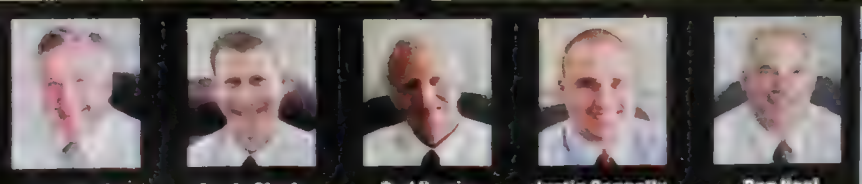

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Talking to Americans

Health Care: Public or Private?

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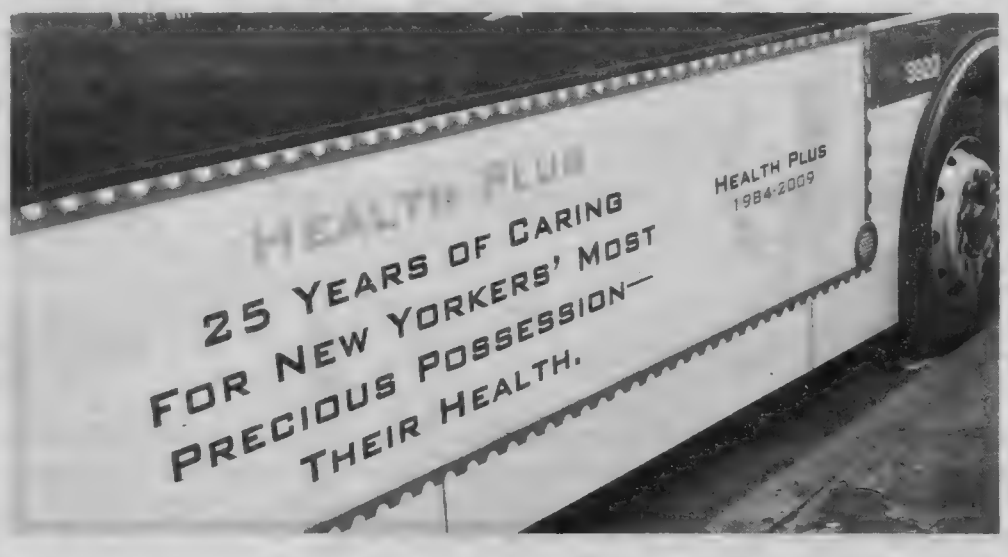
Universal health care is something we as Canadians value, it's part of our national identity. Sure, we gripe, about doctor shortages and wait times, and we have differences of opinion regarding what should and should not be covered. But would we want to trade it for a system where money takes priority over care, and where private insurance companies have the power to determine what will be covered and to what limit, a system that excludes treatment for a condition deemed pre-existing even although the patient has paid into a plan for decades? And although some of our friends to the south regard us as bleeding heart socialists, we do have the option of going anywhere in the world for medical treatment if we so desire provided we have the money, we are not forced by any laws to utilize only our government health system. Given that we in Canada have a longer life expectancy and a lower infant mortality rate, it would seem logical that Americans would jump at the chance to have universal health care for all, a plan that would provide poor and middle class citizens good medical services like their more fortunate and wealthy countymen.

Presently, choosing a private medical plan in the US is more intellectually challenging than most university courses, and in many instances the choice has failed the insured at his greatest time of need. During a recent visit to New York City I decided to try to find out what Americans were thinking in regard to Obamas health proposal. Obviously, a dozen casual conversations are not statistically significant, and surprisingly, some discussions had to be curtailed as people were getting seriously angry and upset. What seemed like a no-brainer to me was in fact a topic that was hugely complicated, both emotionally and politically. The truth was, I was in over my head, but my curiosity got the better of me.



Anyone who is a channel surfer may have viewed a recent ad being aired on American TV channels. It features Shona Holmes, a Canadian from Waterdown, Ont. In the clip she warns Americans about embracing Canadian-style health care. She tells viewers that she has a fatal brain tumour and that she could not attain timely care in Canada. Holmes claims that if she had not gone to the Mayo Clinic in Arizona that she would have died. As it turns out, Homes did not have a cancerous tumour, but a Rathke's Cleft Cyst on her pituitary gland. Neurosurgeon Michael Schwartz of Toronto's Sunnybrook Hospital says he's never seen or heard of a death from a Rathke's cyst. These cysts can put pressure on the optic nerve and effect vision. They are monitored, and according to Dr. Schwartz, "If somebody called me about a patient that was losing her vision or had a structural abnormality of the brain I would see them within days." The Mayo Clinic where Holmes was treated concurs with Dr. Schwartz, it agrees that her "brain tumor" was actually a Rathke's Cleft Cyst on her pituitary gland and "Rathke's Cleft Cysts are not true tumors or neoplasms; instead they are benign cysts. Holmes chose to go the USA and paid $100,000 to have the cyst treated. Now she is suing OHIP to recover the costs. It may come as no surprise that the Holmes' ad was sponsored by the Americans for Prosperity Foundation, a conservative group opposed to U.S. President Barack Obama's plan to involve the government playing a role in reforming U.S. health care.

What seemed like a no-brainer gets more complicated; there is big money involved.

Mike Kowalski is a great guy, generous, gracious, gregarious and someone that neighbours call on when they need help. He and his wife Annie live in the Garretson Beach area of Brooklyn, a predominantly white, close-knit, blue-collar neighbourhood. As a Bush-McCain supporter, Kowalski is in the political minority where he lives.

Mike's constituency has not voted for a republican in a national presidential election in the last 50 years. Barack Obama received 79.4% of the vote in Brooklyn during the 2008 election.

Mike worked for the city of New York for 27 years before retirement. The city itself has twelve private health insurers to choose from; the costs range from $641.09 to $925.71 per month. Up until July 1st Kowalski paid $579.80 for health coverage each month, (up from $355.00 in 2002) suddenly his payment was increased to $805.19. There was nothing he could do about it, how could he manage this on a pension? He seemed an obvious candidate to support a government run health program. But this was not the case, quite the contrary, Kowalski just got angrier at Obama's heath care proposal, which he believes is scaring the private insurers and causing them to increase premiums. He figures that the exorbitant premiums will force people into a government run system. Kowalski believes that in a government run system too much money would go to administrative costs, and he cites the 60 billion dollars in Medicaid fraud that occurred within the government's medical plan designed to provide basic health care to the poor. According to Kowalski, the money that he pays into private health insurance already goes to care for thousands of immigrants who have entered the USA illegally, and to other uninsured people who are given medical care for free. "Am I disgruntled? I guess so", he says in frustration.

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Health Care cont'd...

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Mike's friend William Sheehan rolls in to Kowalski's porch, literally. Sheehan, affectionately known as "Boots" to his neighbourhood friends, is confined to a wheelchair due to a botched surgery. During a simple hernia operation ten years prior, an anesthesiologist's error left him paralyzed. Although Boots has limited movement of his arms and hands he puts them to use hoisting a can of beer, which Kowalski provides him. The affection between them is obvious and it takes little time to determine that Mike and Annie are like family to Boots. What would this guy think of Obama's proposed medical plan? "I don't think it will work, it's too much money", was the response. Later, during a roll down the street, Boots had little difficulty forming a thumbs-down gesture at the mention of Obama.

This definitely wasn't a no-brainer after all, it's getting more complicated by the minute. These guys seem to be defying logic.

Mike Porter, who was visiting NYC from Ft Lauderdale, Florida, admitted, "the system can't keep going the way its going, if this is the first step, let it be". He voiced concerns regarding lack of details, pressure from pharmaceutical companies and private insurers, and wondered how the plan would deal with immigrants, the chronically ill, the retired and the elderly. Although Porter has private health coverage through work, he has immediate family members who are without any health insurance, including a sister recently diagnosed with diabetes. At least he was willing to consider the proposed plan, he fears the middle class in his country is disappearing.

During a speech at the CNE in Toronto on August 22nd, former US President Bill Clinton said, "that in the U.S. today, there are incentives to keep people misinformed and full of fear." Signs and advice are everywhere, on buses, subways, trains, back yards, t-shirts, radio and TV channels and in every newspaper and magazine. What appeared obvious to this Canadian and people from most developed countries takes on a different light in the USA. Doctors by dictatorship, denial of choice, socialist demons, (read communists) euthanasia of grannies, and inferior care are just some of the scare tactics that need to be addressed and overcome by the Obama administration.

It looks doubtful that a health care reform bill will be passed in the USA by February 2010. Obama will certainly leave a legacy if he can achieve what many before him have failed to accomplish. With the recent death of senior-senator Ted Kennedy, a fierce proponent of health care for decades, Obama has lost a well connected ally. Opponents of his plan are willing to invest millions of dollars to thwart him, even it it means financing disgruntled Canadians to lie to Americans. Obama may have to resort to grass roots tactics, maybe a personal visit to Mike and Boots wouldn't be a bad start, and it couldn't hurt either if someone sent him a copy of Prairie Giant, the Tommy Douglas Story. What originally seemed like a no-brainer to a naïve Canuck, may turn out to be the most intense legislative battle ever waged in American history. I suspect it's premature to suggest a North American recipricol health care program! □

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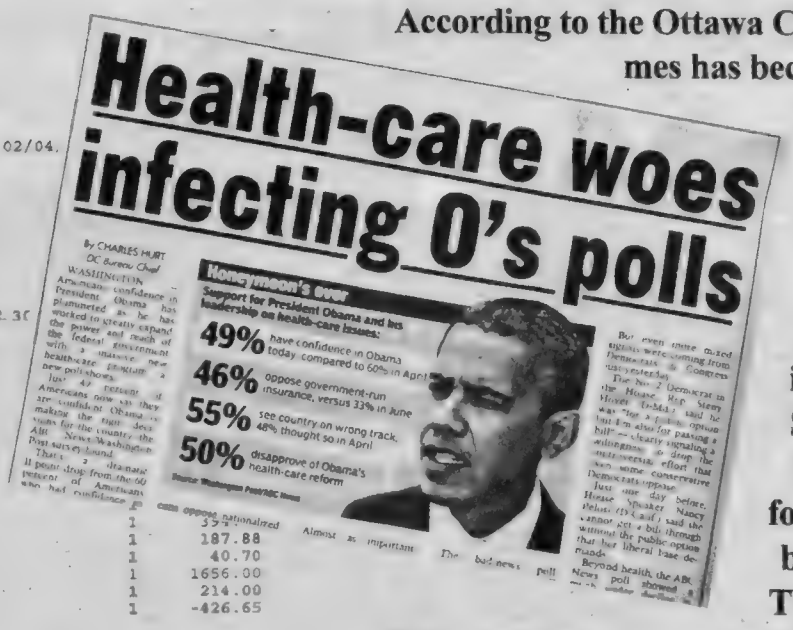
Health-care woes infecting O's polls

By CHARLES HURT
DC Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON

Honeymoon's over

Support for President Obama and his leadership on health-care issues:

49% have confidence in Obama today, compared to 60% in April

46% oppose government-run insurance, versus 33% in June

55% see country on wrong track, 48% thought so in April

50% disapprove of Obama's health-care reform

According to the Ottawa Citizen, "Holmes has become the darling of conservatives and the stop-public-health-care movement in the United States. She's testified before Congress, been on Fox TV as well as CNN, and her story is retold on hundreds of right wing blogs. She's now doing a nasty TV ad for Patients United Now, a Republican-led group opposed to Obama's reforms. You can see the ad at www.patientsunitednow.com. The group is spending almost $2 million on it to target politicians in Washington."

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	Non-Medicare Individual	Non-Medicare Family	Medicare (Per Person)	
Aetna HMO			Aetna Custom Medicare NJ	
Basic Plan	$88.98	$387.54	Base Only	$206.61
Optional Rider - Prescription Drugs	93.30	218.50	with Drugs	
TOTAL	$181.38	$606.04	NY $81.91	
Aetna QPOS				
Basic Plan	671.16	1,649.94	NJ $34.31	$184.31
Optional Rider - Prescription Drugs	183.00	389.20	PA $38.71	$180.91
TOTAL	$854.16	$2,046.14		
CIGNA			CIGNA Healthcare for Seniors	
Basic Plan	193.30	595.47	w/Prescription Drugs	
Optional Rider - Prescription Drugs	1.45	300.63		
TOTAL	$388.54	$896.10	Arizona	$225.00
Empire EPO			Medicare Related Coverage	
Basic Plan	331.86	856.64		56.14
Optional Rider - Prescription Drugs	90.71	224.36		135.68
TOTAL	$422.57	$1,073.28		$191.82
Empire HMO New York			Medicare Related Coverage	
Basic Plan	196.90	416.74		56.14
Optional Rider - Prescription Drugs	30.71	222.35		135.68
TOTAL	$227.61	$641.09		$191.82
GHI HMO			GHI HMO Medicare Senior Supplement	
Basic Plan	127.44	366.81		144.73
Optional Rider - Prescription Drugs	113.34	289.45		77.50
TOTAL	$240.78	$656.26		$222.23

	Non-Medicare Individual	Non-Medicare Family	Medicare (Per Person)	
GHI-CBP/EBCBS			GHI-CBP/EBCBS Senior Care	
Basic Plan	$0.00	$0.00		$0.00
Optional Rider				
GHI Prescription Drugs	107.07	196.28		97.00
EBCBS 365-Day Hospitalization	In Basic Plan			2.75
GHI Outpatient Mental Health & Inpatient Chemical Dependency	0.28	0.64	Not Available	
GHI Enhanced NYC Non-Par Provider Reimbursement Schedule	5.80	14.68	Not Available	
TOTAL	$113.15	$211.60		$99.75
HealthNet			SmartChoice	MedPrime
Basic Plan	142.73	425.58	NY & CT	89.50
Optional Rider - Prescription Drugs	193.47	500.15	No Change	240.13
TOTAL	$336.20	$925.71		$329.63
HIP Prime HMO			HIP VIP	HIP MCP
Basic Plan	0.00	0.00		19.80
Optional Rider - Prescription Drugs	103.42	253.50	No Change	324.35
Appliances & Private Duty Nursing	3.93	9.63		n/a
TOTAL	$107.35	$263.13		$344.15
HIP Prime POS				
Basic Plan	151.12	370.36	Not Available	
Optional Rider - Prescription Drugs	177.50	434.83		
TOTAL	$328.62	$805.19		
Metroplus				
Basic Plan	0.00	0.00	Not Available	
Optional Rider - Prescription Drugs	99.38	219.91		
TOTAL	$99.38	$219.91		
Vytra				
Basic Plan	83.05	296.89	Not Available	
Optional Rider - Prescription Drugs	122.28	317.98		
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Trish Sweeting: Equestrian 'Picks Up The Pieces' After Tragedy

by George Farrell

As our working farms in Haliburton County slowly diminish in number. some of them become dedicated to horses, as the horse men and women are represented locally in strong numbers.

Trish Sweeting is hoping that she will soon be one of those to find a farm on which she can stable and train her horses, and give lessons to others. Trish is an equestrian, and she's been riding horses since she was a young girl, growing up in Pickering Ontario. She's competed at the Provincial and National levels since the age of ten, but hers is a bittersweet story.

Her Dad passed away when Trish was just nine years old. He had promised her a horse, and after his passing, her Mom Pat fulfilled the promise, and Trish had her very own horse. She named him Mister Personality, and he was there during Trish's years of learning the ins and outs of Equitation, Hunter and Jumper class disciplines.

For those not familiar with what each discipline calls for, Trish gives a quick explanation. "Equitation is judged on how you ride and handle the tests that a course designer lays out. Some of the tests include a halt which takes place, or a trot -fence you have to negotiate, within the normal flow of a course, or you'll have to add, or take out a stride, in a prescribed distance."

"The Hunter Class is judged by the way a horse goes between designated points, where they have to complete the distance in a prescribed amount of strides. The rider must team with the horse to make the exercise look effortless, and horse and rider are judged on form as well as function."

Trish eventually moved into the Jumper class when she was 14. "The Jumper class is based on time and speed over fences, and points are deducted for knocking down fences," she explains.

Trish graduated as a paramedic from Centennial College in Scarborough in 2004, and in 2006 she secured a job with the Haliburton County EMS. "I loved it up here," she says, "and decided to move up permanently." She and her partner Matt Hogg are the proud owners of a house in Minden. Hogg, who works for Thomas Contracting is also a volunteer firefighter with the Minden Hills Fire Department and it wasn't long before Trish was also volunteering. "His pager was waking me up anyway, so I thought that I might as well get up myself," she laughs. "I enjoy helping people through my job as a paramedic, and firefighting allows me to help the community and learn something."

There might be another reason that Trish is now a volunteer firefighter. Two tragic recent events have strongly affected her, and her competition schedule has been put on hold as a result. At the end of May, Mr. Personality, her long time-pal and link to her father, had to be put down, due to an incurable disease. He was 22. "Then five weeks after that we lost two of our retired horses in a barn fire in Pickering. "I still break down when I think of it," she sobs, unable to control the tears.

With a sad little smile Trish Sweeting collects herself, and continues her story. "I just didn't ride at all for a month. I just couldn't do it. It's still very hard to talk about. I'll never forget it. It's something I'll have to learn to live with. A total of six horses were lost in that fire. What with Mr. Personality and the fire. this season was pretty much shot for me." But she's 'picking up the pieces.'

"I try to ride four or five times a week now. My Mom and I own four horses, and when I moved up here we relocated the horses to a farm in Beaverton, which has all the facilities I need to train, and help me compete on a high level. It was what I needed, as close as we could find to Minden. It takes me about one and a half hours driving each way. We looked at local barns and facilities, and they were good and clean, but it's the facilities, like an indoor arena, and the quality of the facilities for the higher level of training that was missing, and I've not been able to find those things in Haliburton."

"My Mom is moving up to Minden when she retires at the end of 2010, and our plan is to buy a farm up here," Trish continues. "We'll put in a fairly large indoor arena and a large outdoor sand ring. There's no hurry, but we've been actively looking for a farm. We've not found anything quite right yet though."

Trish and her Mom plan on offering quality training and boarding for horses, and coaching for riders from beginners through to advanced levels. In the meantime Trish is in training for shows in March of 2010 in Manitoba and Kentucky, while also working part time at EMS. "Being part time allows me more flexibility with my schedule. If I go full time, my off-days and vacations days will be spent at horse shows."

Her smile is back, as she momentarily leaves her recent tragedies behind her, and looks to the future. "Equestrian is an expensive sport, and it's about three thousand dollars to take a horse to Manitoba. We're looking for any type of sponsorship that would help." Then she wistfully gazes out the living room window, maybe thinking of a farm where she can teach future equestrians to ride their own horses, just like she did with Mr. Personality.

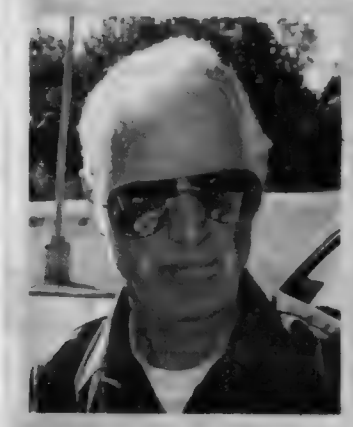
If you're interested in sponsorship support you can call Trish Sweeting at (705)286-2281. If you know of a farm which might be suitable, you can call Trish, or Bill Kulas at Remax (705) 286-2911. □

Have Your Say... VOX POP

We asked people, "What are your thoughts of the cool and rainy summer we've had this year? Are there are any activities you've done less of because of the climate and conditions? Did you go anywhere outside of Ontario to get away from this weather?"

Chuck Sneath, West Lake – "The weather has been unusual the last two summers, especially because of the rain. I feel sorry for the cottagers and their vacations. When you're a resident here you get to take advantage of the nicer days. We try to not let this weather put a damper on our plans. No, I haven't left this summer."

Hazel Grant, Wilberforce – "It has been weird. I haven't been out as much because of it. Normally I go swimming in the summer, but this season I haven't even been in the lake once. It definitely hasn't been as hot as it normally should be. I haven't gone anywhere this summer. I'm usually close to home."

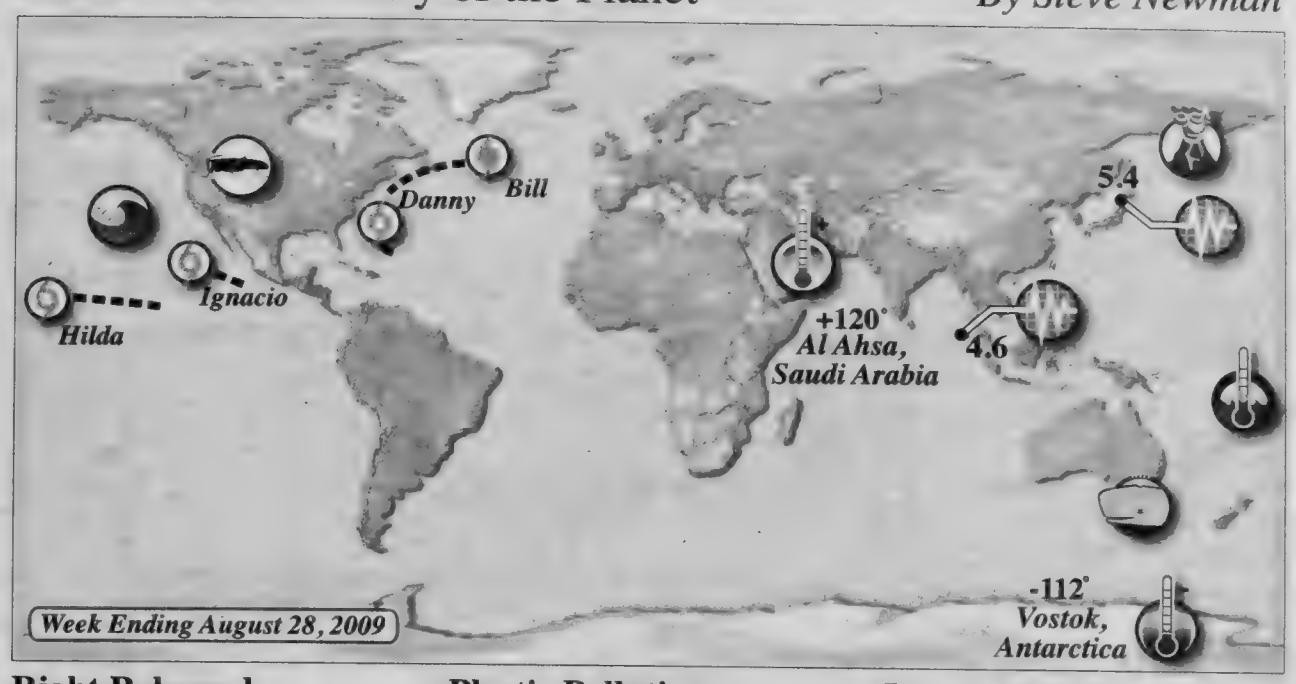


Mac McNabb, Tory Hill – "It's no good. We grow blueberries and with all the rain that we've had we didn't get the entire crop that we should have. I've been doing everything else the same though. No, I didn't go anywhere."

Rick Bain, Haliburton – "It has certainly been below normal in the temperature and we've had a lot more rain than normal. I'm in the forestry business and this hasn't been a good summer for us. When it's wet we don't go out as much because the equipment can do damage to the bush. I've been here for 66 years and this is one of the worst summers I've seen. No, I don't leave in the summer."

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Right Rebound

A species of whale once hunted to the point that only a few dozen breeding females remained has returned to the bay waters of Tasmania to give birth for the first time in well over 100 years. A just-born calf was resting on her mother's back and swimming close beside her as the pair was photographed in Great Oyster Bay during early August. About 1,000 southern rights were hunted each year around Tasmania in the early 1800s. They had become commercially extinct by 1842. According to the International Whaling Commission, the right whale was so thoroughly hunted that only 60 breeding females were left by 1920 out of an estimated original population of 160,000. The species received its name because whalers thought them the "right" whale to hunt because their slow movement made them easy targets and they tended to float after being killed. They are also rich in whale oil, once used in lamps, candles and even margarine before other products made its use obsolete.

El Niño to Linger

The U.N. weather agency predicts that the El Niño ocean-warming phenomenon that has been strengthening in the tropical Pacific is likely to last well into next year, altering the world's weather patterns. Past El Niños have been associated with storms in California, drought in Australia and Indonesia and extremely heavy rainfall in East Africa, all at different times of the year. But the World Meteorological Organization cautions that no two El Niños are alike. The agency says that reliable predictions of what weather patterns are likely to do through the spring of 2010 are not yet available.

Plastic Pollution

A new study finds that plastics, rather than being nearly indestructible, can actually decompose surprisingly fast in the ocean, leaching potentially toxic substances in the process. In a presentation at a meeting of the American Chemical Society, lead author Katsuhiko Saido said his team, "found that plastic in the ocean actually decomposes as it is exposed to the rain and sun and other environmental conditions, giving rise to yet another source of global contamination that will continue into the future." Of particular concern is a vast collection of plastic debris about the size of Texas that swirls around the North Pacific in a zone called "The Great Garbage Patch." An ocean circulation known as the North Pacific Gyre has been found to be responsible for swirling around an estimated 3.5-million-ton "island" of plastic trash about midway between Hawaii and San Francisco.

Volcanic Cluster

Six volcanoes on Far East Russia's Kamchatka peninsula are showing signs of activity simultaneously for the first time in 60 years, according to vulcanologists. Russia's Institute of Volcanology and Seismology says that Koryaksky, Shiveluch, Bezimyanny, Gorely, Karymsky and Klyuchevskaya Sopka volcanoes are expelling steam and gas at the same time. While none of the volcanoes appears to threaten any populated areas, the institute says that Gorely might soon erupt for the first time in 22 years. Vostok Media reports that water in Gorely's crater lake is getting hotter, which indicates magma is rising from deep beneath the volcano.

Tropical Cyclones

Huge waves from passing Hurricane Bill destroyed homes along the northern coast of the Dominican Republic. Heavy surf from the storm also swept a number of people into the ocean along the coast of Maine, killing a young girl.

• Tropical storms Hilda and Ignacio churned the open waters of the eastern Pacific.

• Tropical Storm Danny was taking aim on Atlantic Canada.

Earthquakes

Far northern parts of Japan's Honshu Island were jolted by a 5.4 magnitude tremor.

• Another earth movement was felt in far northwestern Sumatra.

Hopper Invasion

Ranchers across the U.S. Great Plains and northern Rocky Mountains are battling what some are calling the worst infestation of grasshoppers in 20 years. "They've eaten everything but the cactus," South Dakota rancher Mark Tubbs told The Associated Press. He and other ranchers are planning to sell off a portion of their cattle this fall because they won't be able to harvest enough fodder to feed all of their existing herds over the winter. Some say the ravenous insects are chomping through their alfalfa crop as quickly as it is growing. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service says the infestation is a natural cycle. As with many other insects, grasshopper populations ebb and flow based on moisture, drought and other factors.

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Hamilton Rd Waterfront - $595,000

This fabulous one of a kind waterfront property features: three bedrooms, full finished walk out basement, sunroom, large deck, boat house, two car det. garage, seperate four bay garage/workshop/studio and a fully winterized guest cottage. Perfect family compound. The sand beach and big lake view will be sure to please. Immaculate and a must see! Unrivalled value!

Minden Brick Bungalow - $249,500

If you are in the market for a solid, custom built brick bungalow with a nicely treed and private setting-then read on! Features include: three large bedrooms, three fireplaces, two baths, large country kitchen, two car attached garage, large deck, detached workshop, modern heating system, main floor family room and more. Call Bill to view this immaculately kept home today.

Cathy* Lancia & Shirley Rule
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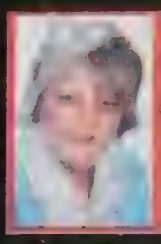
Little Kennisis Lake - $499,700

Recently renovated. Fully redone kitchen, floors, paint, baths, finished basement with an office, den, laundry & a 3 pce bath. Gently sloping, eastern view. Sand and rock shore. New furnishings included for the right offer. Hurry to enjoy this property this year.

Kennisis Lake - $419,000

Great Cottage Package! 110' frontage with granite shore & small sand pockets. Bright & spacious 3 bedroom, insulated cottage fully renovated, stone fireplace, ceramic counters, open concept, contemporary kitchen, hardwood, southern exposure. Kennisis Prize!



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Haliburton Lake - $484,900

Spacious 4 season - 5 B.R. lakefront family cottage/home on popular Haliburton Lake. Excellent Rental Property. Large (.88 ac.), level, private lot w/south exposure & 179' of sand beach. Interior boats, warm pine sunroom, large kitchen w/breakfast bar, open concept dining rm. & L.R., games/recroom w/pool table, wraparound deck, hot tub. Completely furnished!

3 Lake Chain - $219,000

Year round home/cottage on prime level lot w/expansive southern exposure of Green Lake. Shallow sand shoreline, easy year round municipal road access, ample parking. Totally renovated maintenance free modern 3 B.R./ 1400 sq. ft. bungalow plus full finished lower level and a detached double garage.

Denise LeBlanc
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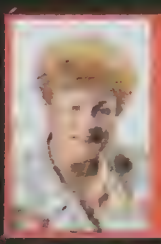
Minden Home - $224,900

Well appointed 4 Bdrm home. Some of the features are public access to the Gull River close by, single attached garage, full finished basement, new shingles modern appliances, central air and tastefully landscaped with hundreds of perenials. All of the main rooms are good size and sunny & bright. A newer addition includes a bedroom/office and a garden room.

Lutterworth Pines - $128,500

Affordable 2 bdrm home with a paved drive and double car garage. Some recent upgrades include shingles in 02, oil furnace & tank in 04 and new fridge & stove in 09. Kitchen and livingroom are quite spacious with an open concept type of design all on one floor. Two nice porches have been added one at the front screened and one at the back to leave your boots in.



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Kashagawigamog Lake - $789,900

Custom home w/lots of wood & windows, vaulted ceilings & beams, large gourmet custom kitchen w/composite counter tops & cherry cabinets, dry stacked stone fp, 2nd storey master suite w/bath, sitting room & balcony. 'Carriage House' w/ a single garage, 23'x12' workshop/studio & charming 2nd storey guest quarters overlooking the lake.

Stothart Creek - $299,900

Another elegant custom home being built on .85 acre corner Lot 9. This 1826 sq. ft. two-storey home features 3 bdrms, 2 baths, covered front porch & dbl. garage. Geothermal heating & cooling & other innovative technologies make this highly energy-efficient. Call now for details.

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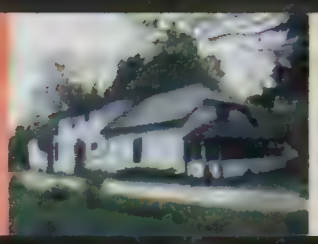

Water Street - $169,000

Large 5 bedroom in town home with main floor wheel chair access. Large principal room, seperate apt. upstairs, could be 2 with walk out to large deck. Level land with 2 other sheds, 3 bathrooms complete the package.

Minden Lake - $349,900

This gorgeous level point lot with 405 ft. of lakefront offers terrific privacy. Perfect sand beach for the kids. This three bedroom also features a guest suite with bedroom and bathroom. The living room features a brick fireplace with airtight insert. Many upgrades including new flooring and heating system. Very nicely decorated throughout.

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Portage Lake - $239,000

Great 3 Bedroom cottage located just a short drive from Haliburton. The shoreline has 158 ft of sandy pebbly bottom that is great for swimming, or dive off the dock into the deep water. At the end of the day, relax on the deck enjoying the view over the lake.

Starter or Retirement - $133,900

Great starter or retirement home, centrally located in Wilberforce. Steps away from all amenities, and a short walk to access on Pusey (Dark) Lake. Level lot with large mature trees and a 16`x16` shed. The house has had many recent upgrades. Very neat and well laid out bungalow that shows pride of ownership. You don`t want to miss this one!

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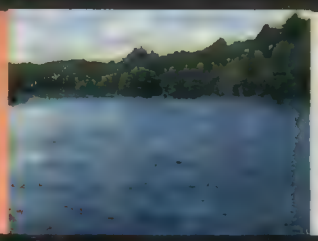

In Town Acreage - $71,900

A rare opportunity to have your own get-a-way only 5 minutes to the Village of Haliburton. This 32 acre parcel sits on a beautiful pond that surrounds you with large pine trees and hardwood bush. Driveway in and hydro is available. Call LBO for more details. Seller is a Registered Real Estate Sales Person.

Indian Point Rd. - $54,900

22 acre parcel that is only 10 minutes to the village of haliburton. hydro and bell at lot line. drag lake boat launch and public beach only minutes away. price is plus gst.

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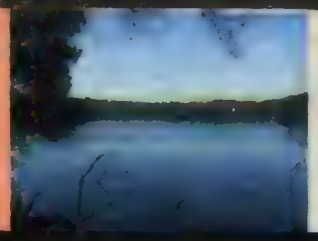

Cruiser Lake - $154,900+GST

Very private setting with 533' frontage and a beautiful western exposure view of Cruiser Lake. Hydro and road to the lot line. Great building site with a moderate slope to the lake. The lot also backs onto Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve

Irish Line Road - $159,900

Perfect starter or retirement home with everything accessible on one level. Recent renovations include an addition, huge deck for entertaining, new shingles and wood laminate flooring in many areas of the home. The one acre lot is gently sloping with a private backyard with lots of room to roam.

Linda* Baumgartner & Troy Austen
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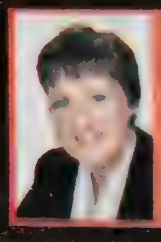
West Lake - $439,500

3 bedroom backsplit waterfront cottage/home. Situated on an exceptional point lot with 259 feet of shoreline. Vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, and pine walls throughout. Nice bright 'Lindall' sunroom overlooks the grounds and the lake. Full basement with rec room. laundry, storage and 3 pce bath. Beautiful grounds with lovely gardens and pathways.

Boughner Road - $259,900

3 bedroom 'ranch style' bungalow situated on a 10 ac lot. Open concept living room, dining area & kitchen. Sunken livingroom with pine cathedral ceilings, pine cabinetry in the kitchen. Large master bedroom with 3 pc ensuite. Full walkout basement with family room, recroom (pool table area), 2 pc bath, laundry/utility area and separate workshop.



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Haliburton Village Home - $233,900

Free Internet, Rental income from internet tower, 3 bedroom home with walk out basement, screened in porch, studio over garage +++ so much more. Call Lynda Litwin to view this home

South Lake Home - $399,900

Custom kitchen, huge dining and entertainment area, sunken living room, walk out to lake, level lot, triple garage with workshop. Only 5 minutes to Minden. Call Lynda Litwin to view this home

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Basshaunt Lake - $429,900

Very private 3 bedroom, 2 bath home or cottage on a no motor lake. Las cottage on the road. Screened porch, 5 pc. spa bath in the basement, double plus garage, 130 ft of frontage, on year round road. Wood floors, ceramic kitchen floor,airtight wood stove and mucj h more. Mustbe viewed to appreciate.

Bushwolf Lake Road - $24,900

Lovely well treed lot 2.8 acres on Bushwolf Lake Road. Driveway in, small cabin on property . Year round access to edge of property. A new driveway could be placed at that point. The existing driveway is about 100 ft.from the municipally plowed road. CIose to Sir Sams SKi Hills, on the snowmobile trail and short distance to the public beach on Eagle Lake and the store.

Marilyn Hawley
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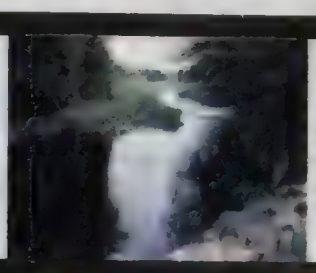
Highland Grove - $238,600

Located in a quiet, pretty community, this 2+bdrm, 2 bath home is the perfect place to reside! Jordan Lake is just down the road! The home is beautifully landscaped and offers an L-shaped, insulated, 2 bay garage. A wired-in generator, Trex decking at the back for low maintenance, 200 amp service and a partially finished basement.



310 Acres - $197,000

Incredible 320 acre parcel perfectly located between Stormy Lake & Little Glamor Lake. Access from either Alsop Road or Nestle Trail and backs onto Crown Land for even more outdoor fun. Stormy Creek travels from one end to the other and property has several trails.

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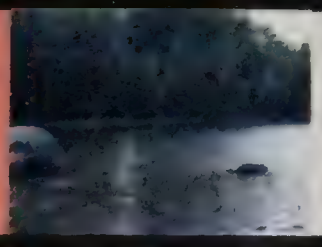

Drag Lake Building Lot - $225,000

370 feet of sand/rock shoreline, 2.6 Acres. Don't Miss this Opportunity to be on Beautiful Drag Lake!

Redstone Lake - $659,000

Imagine This View From Your Dock! 1115 feet of sand/rock shoreline, 24 Acres, Cozy Pine Log Cottage, Ultimate Privacy on Big Redstone Lake. Once in a Lifetime Opportunity to Own this Magnificent Property!

Melanie Vigrass
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Home and Acreage - $339,000

Centrally located between Haliburton and Minden this 3 bdrm./2 bath home also has a triple insulated and wired garage and a wired RV garage. Roam your own trails on the 23 acres of land. The home features one level living, a master ensuite, c/vac and c/air, propane stove and an oversized oak kitchen. Call today for an appointment.

Live and Work in Minden - $229,000

This 3440 sq. ft. commercially zoned property is located in a high traffic area close to sports facilities, library, museum and the public school. A 4 bdrm/1.5 bath apartment upstairs allows you to work from home.

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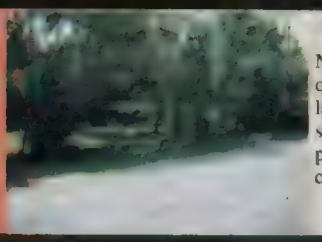

Waterfront Lot - $95,000

NORTH SHORE RD. One of the very last opportunities to build facing south onto this great lake chain. Nicely treed, level lot across from hard sand beach on the water. Property is gated and partially fenced for further privacy. Seller may consider some financing during construction period.

Riverfront Acreage - $219,000

IRONDALE Magnificent! Enjoy the peaceful relaxation in this 37 acre forest and thousands of feet of meandering river. Two bunkies at the water's edge and a lovely swiss chalet style 3 bedroom home and new sunroom. Invite your senses to enjoy all the surroundings.

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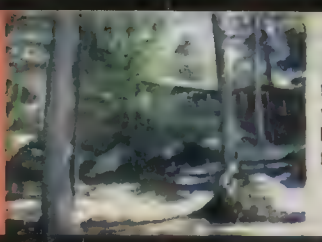
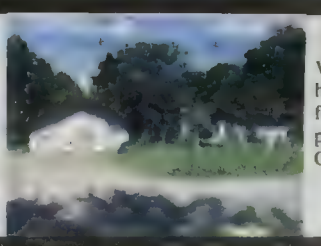


Kennisis Lake - $445,000

170 feet of sand shoreline in this quiet bay - 1494 sq. ft. cottage or home. Spacious country kitchen with w/o to porch - w/o living room to deck - fireplace - 3 bedrooms - guest cabin - garage - beautiful sunsets from here - private boat launch - twp road



Highway Commercial - $259,000

Well maintained 3 bedroom brick home - w/o kit. - hardwood floors - full finished basement with stone fireplace -1700 sq. ft. garage - 20' x 28' body and paint shop - outdoor wood stove - 2.23 acres on County Rd.#21

Terry Carr
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Drag Lake - $319,900

Follow a winding driveway into a private, level setting on Outlet Bay. This 3 bdrm. cottage has a newly renovated kitchen, 3 large bedrooms and a four piece bath. 100 feet of water frontage within a sheltered bay on beautiful Drag Lake, also gives you access to scenic Spruce Lake. Lovely gardens and a fabulous sand beach make this cottage a true retreat!

Drag Lake - $229,900

DRAG Room for the whole family! This 3 bedroom, 2 level cottage comes with 2 extra lofts for added sleeping space. With 100 feet of frontage on the tip of a quiet bay, enjoy access to Drag Lake, one of the County's larger, more prestigious lakes. The cottage is built for 3 seasons, but conveniently located on a year round road, close to town. An excellent family getaway!

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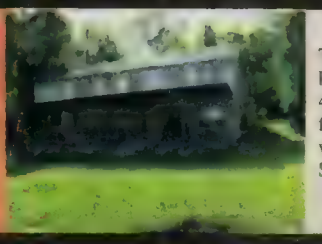

Salerno Lake - $339,000

Tastefully finished waterfront home. Modern open kitchen. Walkout livingroom to deck. 4 Bedrooms, 4pce. & 3pce. baths. Hardwood and berber carpet on floors. Finished family room with gorgeous stone woodburning fireplace in basement with walkout. Sand beach. 20 Ft. x 20 Ft. Garage.

Moore Lake - $369,000

South facing frontage is sandy/rocky with deep water off the dock. 17' X 16' bunkie right at the shoreline. Large sunroom has hot-tub which can be used year round. Hear the water rush over Moore Falls and enjoy complete privacy. Don't miss this opportunity for a year round property which is positioned well for the GTA buyer.

Vince* Duchene**
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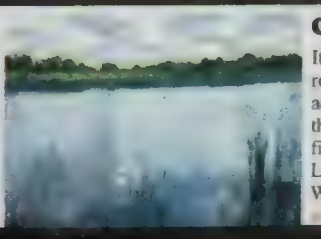
RENOVATED HOME - $168,700

This cozy home has 3 bdrms, 4 piece bath and has been repainted inside as well as new flooring to give a fresh, new feeling and so that you can just 'move in'! The lot is level, the location is very, very convenient and is perfect for a retirement couple or first time buyer. Also, the windows, roof and drilled well are all within the last 11 years.!!! Motivated Seller! Call today for an appointment.



Gull River, West Guilford - $67,800

It's not very often you find a waterfront lot on a year round road approved for septic and building with access to 3 lakes by boat under $70,000! Located on the Gull River providing opportunities for boating, fishing and swimming in Maple, Grass and Pine Lakes -less than a mile from Lakeside Golf Club and West Guilford where you'll find all amenities.

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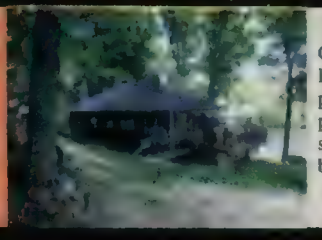
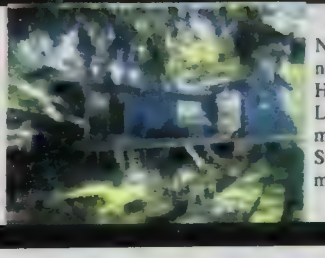


Grace River- $189,900

Great 3 Bedroom line on Grace River. Comfortable living room overlooks the river. The three bedrooms plus a nice Bunkie with sliding glass doors and deck provide plenty for family members. A great new spacious dock offers extra entertainment area and boat tie up. There is a garage at the road.



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Play It Again Ma'am

Misty River Ramblers, Reunited

By George Farrell

"She's still got the pipes," I overheard a man say to his wife, as they sat with about a hundred other people, listening to the reunited Misty River Ramblers' matinee performance at the Haliburton County Fair, in Minden.

He was of course referring to the big-voiced Wendy Connelly, lead singer of the Ramblers. And she still does have the pipes, 32 years after the group first got together in April, of 1977.

The Misty River Ramblers (MRR) came together that year as a request of Wendy's mother Loretta and Marg Miller, who were running the food booth for the fair. They wanted to build a barbeque big enough to hold 18 roasts, in order to serve beef-on-a-bun at the fair, and other events. They needed to raise about $300 and Loretta asked Wendy if she and her brother could put a group together. Wendy's dad was Sinc Nesbitt and the Nesbitts have always been a musical family. Wendy and brother Leroy had been playing since they were kids. Leroy and Wendy then asked friends from Lindsay to join them, and MRR was born. The five original members were, and still are, John Lester, his Dad Nelson (Doc) Lester, Leroy Nesbitt, Paul Lindquist, and Wendy.

Members of the Misty River Ramblers who performed at the Haliburton County Fair in Minden. Don Stiver, Leroy Nesbitt, Nelson (Doc) Lester, Wendy Connelly, and John Lester

In June of that same year a dance took place at the Minden Community Centre, which featured MRR. It was a sell-out and they raised over $3000, which was way more than enough for the BBQ. In June of the same year they held the first beef BBQ and dance, to raise funds for the Fair Board. MRR played at every BBQ from then on, until 1988. They also played in Lindsay, Peterborough and Toronto at fairs, parties, anniversaries weddings, and New Years Eve. They started playing about once a month, but that escalated to two or three times a month.

"I was a single mom for part of that, raising Jason, now 35 and Jennie who's 33," says MRR lead singer Wendy Connelly. "I moved away for work in '88 and the band took an extended break, though Doc and John played occasionally with other groups. I moved back to Minden in '94. In June of '97 we all got together again to do the 20th reunion of both the beef BBQ and the band. We only rehearsed for four or five hours, and even though I hadn't sung since '88 it was like getting back on the proverbial bicycle. You never forget, though Gord Kidd let me sit in a few times with his band, to work off some rust. That reunion was great. It took place in the arena, downstairs, where the ice goes. There was a huge crowd, and I guess we made them a lot of money" The band broke up again after that.

Fast forward to 2008, as Wendy Connelly picks up the story. "Last year the Fair Board asked me if I could get the Ramblers together again for a performance at the fair in2009, as it would be the Sesquicentennial year. The members were all for it, so after 12 years and only one rehearsal, we performed at the Sunday Matinee from 1:30 to 4:30.

On Saturday afternoon at the fair Wendy sang to a big crowd with her other country band Hot Flashes and Cold Shoulders. Come Sunday the crowd was considerably thinner, which was a shame, because Wendy was in fine voice, and the Misty River Ramblers, with steel guitar player Don Stiver subbing for the absent Paul Lindquist, was all you could ask for in a country band. John Lester and Leroy Nesbitt sounded great when they sand solos, and when backing up Wendy, and their guitar and keyboard offerings were spot-on, with tunes ranging from the likes of Charlie Pride, Hank Williams, Carol Baker, and Loretta Lynn. The crowd loved the ever-popular Tammy Wynette number 'Stand By Your Man'. They also cheered loudly for Baker's 'I've Never Been This Far Before,' sung with real feeling by Wendy, who explained that it was her Dad's favourite song.

Sadly Sinc Nesbitt passed away in 2000. His legacy lives on though in Wendy, Leroy, and the two 'kids' Jason and Jennie, who got up and sang a number or two with the band. Sinc also had a lot to do with the naming of the band. It's named after the Nesbitt's Misty River Farm on Deep Bay Road, where Sinc raised his Misty River line of champion Belgian horses.

Some people were dancing on Sunday, on the dance floor in front of the band shell, though sadly, it wasn't quite like the old days. Not enough people were aware that the band would be playing. More advertising was needed. Wendy and the band did their part. They invited a lot of friends, and handed out pamphlets. Wendy also went on Canoe FM to advertise the event. But for such things the Township, Fair Board and the merchants need to get together in an organized way, to maximize potential.

The small turnout on Sunday notwithstanding, the band was so pleased with the enthusiasm from the 100 or so who were in attendance, that they're thinking of performing more often. They'd like to play for more fundraisers in the area. "As long as people do some more advertising," Leroy announced from the stage, just prior to an encore. So if you'd like MRR for your next fundraiser give Wendy Connelly a call, at 286-1225.

"They just have that good sound," the man next to me said to his wife, as they folded up their collapsible chairs. I had to agree, and I drove home singing 'Stand By Your Man' as loud as I could, with the windows down. Startled pedestrians rolled their eyes in dismay, as I whizzed by, oblivious. □

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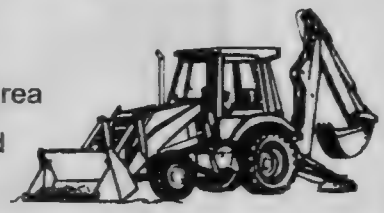

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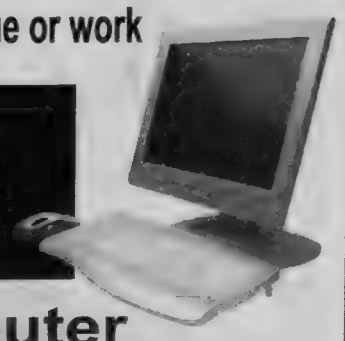

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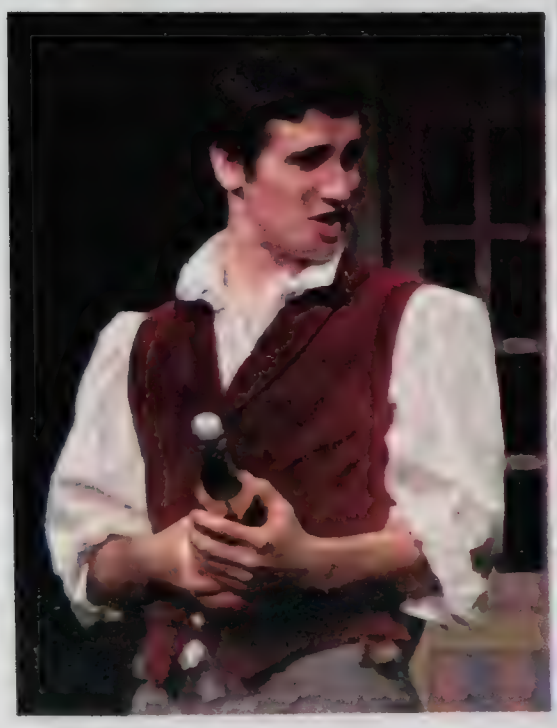
Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



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Minden Finance Committee Discusses Future of Community Centers

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

"Whose responsibility is it, and what should we be doing? Do you expect the small communities to bear the brunt of that, or is that part of being in the global community?"
Councilor Rick Ratcliff

"We own those buildings, so if we own them, is it not fair to assume that we have responsibility to look after them?"
Councilor Barb Reid

The Minden Hills Finance Committee held what Committee Chair Peter Oyler referred to as an 'informal meeting' on August 28th to discuss the state of their community services budget. The Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RinC) funding project was a prime item of interest during discussions.

Councilor Barbara Reid commended Director of Community Services/Recreation Manager Rick Cox for the comprehensive report he had submitted which included written responses to questions from council. He was asked to clarify his plans regarding expenditures associated with the RinC grant that Minden Hills received, much of which has been earmarked for improvements to the Sinc Nesbitt Memorial Arena and the Minden Community Center.

According to Cox, during the last visual building inspection, done in 2007, the exterior roof and walls were deemed to be in good condition, given the age of the building. Several councilors voiced concern about spending large sums of money on a building that may not be viable for many more years, especially the "barn", which is the structure over the ice surface.

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch suggested that there should be an in depth structural analysis done to get a better determination of the building's integrity before investing further large expenditures. According to Cox, an engineer's report is scheduled to be tendered this October for completion by November or December.

In the meantime, Cox said, many of the recent upgrades such as headers, compressors and humidifiers can be moved to a new structure, if it is determined that a replacement building is needed. New insulation and lights have already paid for themselves in reduced energy costs. Provided the building is safe, the ideal situation is to try and make it last as long as possible.

The upcoming "in depth" engineer's report should determine the projected life span of the structure; plans will have to be made accordingly. When asked about "overages" in spending, Cox replied that if there weren't sufficient financial resources available through the RinC grant, future needs would be moved to the next grants shopping list.

In discussing the community services budget overall, Cox was asked to develop an analysis of the latest revenue and expense projections and any gaps that might exist. Cox reported on committed as opposed to uncommitted funding and the committee agreed that spending in uncommitted areas would be frozen for the time being. Another committee meeting will be held on September 16th to review Cox's 'gap analysis' and to discuss possible solutions to any foreseeable problem areas.

Treasurer Lorrie Blanchard requested clarification regarding jurisdiction and responsibility for maintenance and upkeep of smaller community centers located in Irondale, Lochlin and Gelert and mentioned that one local group has requested greater direction about its expectations and roles.

Councilor Rick Ratcliff pointed out that local groups in the smaller areas are continually "fundraising like crazy" to keep their community centers functional, and that during the nine years since amalgamation no money has been invested by the municipality to help the smaller community centers.

Ratcliff noted that the Minden Community Center is paid for by taxpayers and runs at a deficit, whereas the smaller community centers are not treated accordingly and have to survive on what they can fund-raise themselves. According to Blanchard, two of the small centers have been operating with a surplus and one at a deficit. The committee was unsure where money should come from to finance major projects such as septic systems, new roofs and ditching.

"Whose responsibility is it and what should we be doing? Do you expect the small communities to bear the brunt of that, or is that part of being in the global community?" asked Ratcliff.

Reid requested clarification as to whether the buildings are in fact owned by Minden Hills and was advised that they, along with Snowdon Park, became the property of Minden Hills during amalgamation nine years ago.

Reid then queried, "We own those buildings; so if we own them, is it not fair to assume that we have responsibility to look after them?"

Committee chair Peter Oyler stated that there had been some discussion about reducing the small centers from three to two nine years ago and that possibly the Lochlin and Gelert centers could be amalgamated due to their close proximity. He then suggested that Ratcliff go back to his constituents to explore the idea of amalgamation and report back to council.

When asked by Ratcliff if amalgamation would mean that the municipality would then take responsibility for the centers, Oyler responded that he couldn't speak for council.

Ratcliff asked what purpose amalgamation had served if there were no guarantee of municipal support. Oyler did admit that a shared responsibility could be one outcome, but that another result may be a hard-nosed group simply wanting to shut them all down.

Reid pointed out that more discussion with community stakeholders was needed, but as long as the municipality is maintaining ownership of the buildings, the responsibility to manage the properties presently lies within its jurisdiction.

The possibility of selling the buildings to groups in Lochlin and Gelert was also suggested as an alternative plan. Oyler closed the discussion by stating that the Ward 3 reserves set aside for the centers are presently intact.

Speaking to questions raised during the auditor's report during the previous day's Council meeting, Blanchard clarified the role of the auditor, including the division of responsibilities between the auditor and that of the finance and treasury departments. She said that despite a challenging year involving staff turnover and downsizing, no issues were identified during the 2008 audit by the auditors.

The 'informal' meeting then went into closed session for further discussion. □

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Algonquin Land Claim Negotiations to Start Soon

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Almost 9 million acres of land at stake, but "no impact on private lands."

The Haliburton County Council recently received a report that negotiations are about to get under way on the comprehensive land claim made by the Algonquins of Ontario. The claim involves 8.9 million acres of land, historically inhabited by the Algonquins, covering most of eastern Ontario and encompassing all of Algonquin Park as well as lands in Algonquin Highlands, Dysart and Highlands East.

A new Framework Agreement, which has included all Algonquins of Ontario in the negotiation process reflecting the ten Algonquin communities currently identified, now outlines the process that will guide negotiating an Agreement in Principle which is expected to be completed by the spring of 2011.

Early in August Warden Dave Burton and the County's Director of Planning, Jane Tousaw attended a joint meeting of the Municipal Advisory Committee and a Committee of External Advisors along with more than 50 stakeholders from upper tier municipalities and external advisory groups to get an update on progress that has been made on the claim over the last few years.

Tousaw reported that the negotiating team, comprised of members of the Algonquin Nation and representatives from both the federal and provincial governments, has established a fairly aggressive schedule to seek agreement in principal. Tousaw said that the formal process has taken many years, but the hope is to have a formal Treaty in place sometime between 2014 and 2016.

Tousaw said that the negotiating team for the Algonquin Nation is comprised of a 16 member committee (led by Chief Negotiator Brian Potts). The Algonquins of Ontario are made up of ten communities in the Ottawa River watershed including the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation and the communities of Antoine, Bancroft, Bonnechere, Greater Golden Lake, Mattawa/North Bay, Ottawa, Shabot Obaadjiwan, Snimikobi and Whitney and Area.

According to Tousaw, the Canadian team just received their mandate in July of this year. The team will be comprised of Robin Aitken (Chief Negotiator), a legal advisor and other officials as deemed necessary. Tousaw said that the Ontario Team at the negotiating table, who have been working on the process since 2008, will have a 15 member inter-ministerial team (as well as Chief Negotiator Brian Crane). The key ministries involved will include the Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Tousaw said, "The negotiations will not impact private lands. They are not looking at a land rich claim and it is not anticipated that new reserves will be established, with the exception of Pikwakanagan." She advised Council that self government will most likely become part of the negotiations for existing reserves.

Tousaw also advised Council that the claim would not impact on private lands but she did confirm that some crown lands may change hands as part of the negotiations. With respect to the area of land in the County that is involved on its eastern borders, Tousaw said that it was a very small area in comparison to the rest of the County.

She later said, "The Algonquin don't operate on the basis of land ownership. The area under negotiation is where they lived, harvested, hunted and travelled." Tousaw also confirmed that the claim could include hunting and fishing rights, economic development rights, self autonomy and financial considerations. Official documents confirmed that the final treaty would also include elements that will also address trapping and gathering rights and provisions to promote Algonquin culture.

The Algonquin claim is the only one of its kind in the province and is based on the fact that the Algonquins never signed a historical treaty with the Crown, leaving a question of asserted Aboriginal rights and title in the claim area. The claim includes 36,000 square kilometres and covers most of eastern Ontario, including Parliament Hill and Algonquin Park as well as CFB Petawawa and the City of Ottawa. More than 1.2 million people live and work within the claim area.

The negotiating team have agreed on some basic guiding principles including the protection of private property, preservation of Algonquin Park and taking the interests of all affected parties into account.

Tousaw reported that bi-monthly meetings and workshops would be held to develop options and (in camera) meetings will be held with Councils that are impacted by the claim.

Speaking on behalf of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation and the nine other Algonquin communities, Chief Kirby Whiteduck made the following official statement; "We welcome the commitment of the governments of Canada and Ontario to reach a comprehensive agreement on our land claim in a timely manner. The Algonquin Nation of Ontario remains respectful of the many non Algonquins who live, work and make their homes in our Traditional Territory. We believe the settlement can bring closure for this major issue, as well as opportunities for Algonquins that will also benefit non Algonquins." □

School Board Says It's Ready for H1N1

Precautionary Plans in the Works for Start of Year

At a regular meeting of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) held on Tuesday, Aug. 25, trustees and staff were assured that the necessary H1N1 precautionary measures are being taken for the school year.

"The province is involved in assuring consistency in planning, so we are making our plans based on our best advice from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in conjunction with the Ministry of Education," said Director of Education Kathryn Verduyn. "We are in contact with our own Medical Officers of Health and specifics of our planning will be shared with school prior to the start of the school year."

The H1N1 influenza virus, also known as the Swine Flu, was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization in recent months. The virus, which is most commonly contracted through direct exposure to infected pigs, is being spread between humans and causes symptoms that are similar to those of seasonal influenza (flu).

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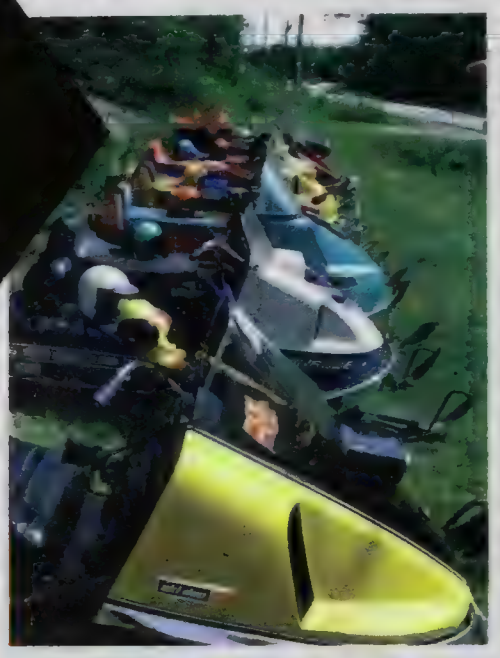
Antique Snowmobiles Find a Home in Haliburton

Scott Walker's Vintage Collection One of a Kind

Scott Walker, a Minden native born and bred, says it all began as a hobby – but now it's become a business. "I started out over 20 years ago buying and selling antique and vintage sleds, and of course restoring them. Once you get started it becomes a bit of an obsession, let me tell you. And by 1996 or so I was seriously buying and selling the old sleds – and it takes a lot of time and money to get theses machines into working condition: and some of them look almost new."

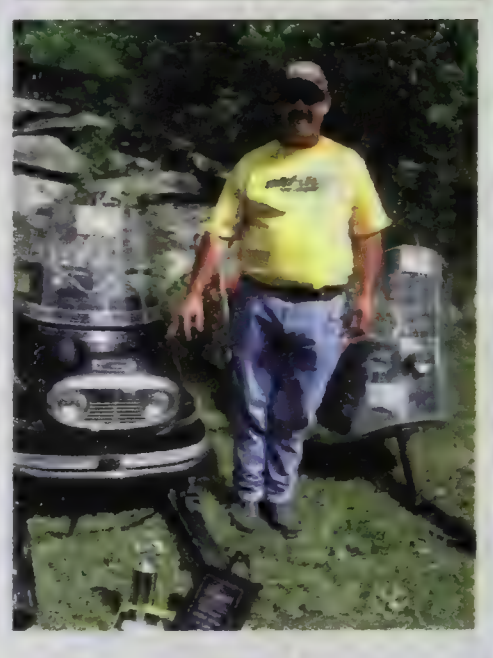


At one time Scott had almost 90 sleds in various stages of repair, or disrepair. Slowly he began to concentrate on fewer machines, scraping some for parts, and beginning to be a part of the Antique and Classic Snowmobile Club of Canada (ACSCC). The Club was started in the early 1980s as an offshoot of their American cousins – and since then has taken off and become a major part of the burgeoning antique snowmobile shows and business.

A few weeks ago Scott displayed his favourite machines outside his home on Kennisis Lake Road. The curious, and the experts stopped by all day long to view his beautiful collection – and trade tales of the early days of snowmobiling. And a few weeks ago Scott won first prize for his 1970 Mercury 2 in an Alliston Ontario show'n shine event.

"It really has in fact become a business," says Scott. "We buy and sell parts to almost all manner of antique sleds. We're in touch with dealers from all over snowmobile country, both here and in the U.S."

You can reach Scott by email at walker_skidoo_man@yahoo.com, or by phone at 705 754-1993. □



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Top: Alison Roberts with photo of her father, RD Lawrence
Center: Rotary cheque presented to RD Lawrence Place (L to R) Rotarian, Brent Devolin, Bradley Roberts, Alison Roberts, Sharon Lawrence, Brett Roberts, Rotarian Bill Roodenburg, Center Director, Daniela Pagliaro and RD Lawrence Place Coordinator, Sheryl Loucks.
Above: Bradley Roberts, RD Lawrence's grandson alongside of a photo of his grandfather displayed at the RD Lawrence Place

A Family Affair at RD Lawrence Place

"It takes an extraordinary amount of work to fundraise and we are so grateful for the volunteer hours Rotarians have committed towards supporting RD Lawrence Place" – Sheryl Loucks, RDLP Coordinator

Photos & Story By:
Lyn Winans

Rotarians Brent Devolin and Bill Roodenburg were at the RD Lawrence Place this Thursday to make a special cheque presentation. Along with Center Director Daniela Pagliaro and RD Lawrence Place Coordinator Sheryl Loucks, Ronald Douglas Lawrence's daughter, Alison Roberts, her husband Brett and their son Bradley were in attendance to accept the $2400.00 gift, an extension of the $7500.00 commitment from the Minden Rotary Club. The Roberts, residents of Odiham, a village in the Hart district of Hampshire just south of London, England, have been in the area for two weeks. The family tries to get to Canada at least every couple of years to visit Sharon Lawrence, and recently, to follow the progress of the center.

RD's daughter Alison described RD Lawrence Place as "fantastic". Although the family lives an ocean away, her husband Brett oversees the "Cry Wild" web site from the UK. Fifteen year-old grandson, Bradley, is heavily involved in the performing arts and music and is in the process of forming a band. He sheepishly admits to not having read any of his granddad's books, but says he will do so in the future, suggesting that maybe he will appreciate them more when he's older and is not so busy with music and theater. He enthusiastically showed off the mouse pad from Lawrence's desk, which bears an image of Lawrence with three year old Bradley sitting on his lap. Although it was obvious that Brad took pride in his granddad's notoriety, possibly one day he may usurp his ancestor's fame. Wolves, after all, are not as popular in Britain as are rock bands! □

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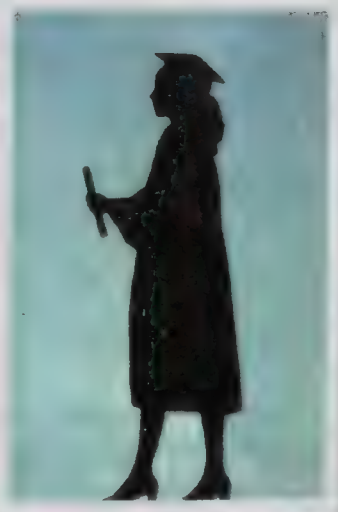
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A Simple Recipe at Chef-of-the-Month

Nicola Jowett Uses Past Experience to Come Up With Meal Plan

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

The most recent 'Chef-of-the-Month' Challenge showcased a rather simple, but healthy recipe, at Todd's Independent in Haliburton on Wednesday, Aug. 16.

Nicola Jowett, owner of the Heritage House Cafe in Haliburton, stepped up to take on the task in the monthly challenge that has been issued by SIRCH Community Services & Consulting since last October. In the challenge, local area chefs have been invited to conjure up recipes that are not only affordable, but healthy, for families in Haliburton County. Not only has the initiative provided insight to families who struggle on an extremely fixed budget, but it has also opened up the eyes of others in the public about the harsh realities of poverty.

In her live cooking demonstration, Jowett said that she came up with her tuna noodle casserole recipe during the time in which she was a cook at a daycare.

"This was one of the main things we cooked that had seafood in it," she explained.

The dinner meal, which included frozen peas, tuna, pasta and mushroom soup, requires very little prep work and doesn't take a long time cook.

"You boil the seashell pasta and peas, throw them together, put in the tuna and you're done," said Jowett. "It's so easy to make that you could get your kids to do it for you!"

Jowett added that you could substitute the tuna with items such a chicken or turkey and still have a delicious meal.

According to statistics, there are several parents in the county who have incomes less than $18,000/year. This means that they are left with less than $200/month for groceries if they have a family of four.

If you haven't had a chance to see one of the chef challenges, you'll have an opportunity to be a part of one tomorrow.

French chef Eric Genin of the Domain will be at the Farmers' Market in Haliburton (by Roberts Marina) from 3 – 5 p.m. Genin will be preparing a tomato and green bean salad and a lemon sabayon. There will be taste tests available, a baked goods table and the focus of the recipes will be based on local produce.

For more information contact Nancy Brownsberger, SIRCH Social Marketer, at 705 457-1742 ext. 21.

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A Meal for a Family of Four Tuna and Noodle Casserole

by Nicola Jowett

Ingredients:
One can of tuna
One can of mushroom soup
1/2 package of seashell pasta
1/2 cup of frozen peas (optional)

Directions:
Prepare pasta according to package directions
Preheat oven to 350 degrees
Drain pasta
Place pasta, frozen peas, and mushroom soup into a large casserole dish and mix together
Place casserole dish in the oven and bake for 30 minutes

Options:
Frozen Peas or any other type of your favourite frozen vegetables
Sprinkle the top of the casserole with shredded cheese or parmesan
Serve this casserole with a salad to make a complete meal
Use Whole Wheat Pasta instead of regular Pasta to increase your fibre intake

This recipe serves four and will keep in the fridge for up to three days

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Tips from Nicola On How to Save

- Buy day olds
- Buy in bulk or organize a ride for you to get to a bulk store and shop with a partner that can split your purchases
- Make recipes like Mom and Dad used to make i.e. buy a whole chicken and use all of it in varied recipes
- Don't buy pre-packaged foods, they aren't healthy and they are expensive
- Grow a garden
- Use whole wheat pasta and brown rice
- Use Nutella for healthy lunches
- Use legumes as a source of inexpensive protein

Insurance Companies Donate $3000 for Places 4 People

P4P's Heather Reid and Adele Espina accept a cheque for $3,000 from Hudson Henderson's Darryl Hudson and Gore Mutual's Mark King

Hudson Henderson and Gore Mutual "See a Clear Need"

Local Insurance Brokers Hudson Henderson announced last week a donation of $3000 for Places 4 People (P4P), the Haliburton County organization that is striving to provide affordable low-income housing. "Last February I could see clearly the need for this type of housing for those less fortunate in Haliburton County," said Darryl Hudson, owner of Hudson Henderson in Minden. "With the great support of the Gore Mutual Insurance Company in Cambridge, we were able to make this donation happen. I can't think of any cause that is more important than this one."

Gore Mutual Broker Relations Manager Mark King, on hand for the cheque presentation, said his company has a deep local commitment to Canada's communities: "We are pleased to work with our broker partner, Hudson Henderson, to support this worthwhile organization in their community."

Place 4 People recently managed to purchase a property on George Street in Haliburton and are in the midst of renovating the former dance hall into two, 1500 square feet three bedroom apartments. They've raised some $20,000 so far, which has secured a mortgage from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, and are now raising funds to complete the renovation. The $3000 from Hudson Henderson and Gore Mutual is an important step for P4P. Chairperson Fay Martin said, "We still need over $100,000 to do the job; almost half that will come from government grants, but we'll still need $50,000 in donations, or in materials. Already Emmerson Lumber and Don Barker Heating are making very generous in-kind donations. And with any luck we'll have these apartments ready for occupancy by Christmas."

For further information on P4P their website is www.placesforpeople.ca. □

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Poppy Drive Funds Go to HHHSF's 'Reach for the Future' Campaign

Through this year's poppy drive, members of Minden's Royal Canadian Legion branch (636) managed to pull in $1,500 for health services in the Highlands.

On Thursday Aug. 20 at the Minden Legion building, branch President Malcolm MacLean and treasurer Georgina Parkes presented the extra large cheque to Dale Walker, Executive Director of Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and Chairman Peter Oyler.

The funds will go towards covering the purchases of 70 stationary ceiling lifts that were installed in health care facilities in Haliburton and Minden in recent months. □

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The President's Report on Health

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Emergency Room Satisfaction Survey

By Paul Rosebush, President and CEO

With summer winding down in Haliburton, HHHS is preparing to take stock of its performance. We want to hear what people think of our core services and based on the feedback we will work to improve how we do things. We are proud of our reputation in the community, for our responsiveness and for the personal and compassionate attention that we provide to individuals who receive service from us. We regularly get cards and letters of thanks as well as spontaneous donations from people who express deep gratitude and amazement at the prompt high quality care they receive. We appreciate receiving such feedback but in order to improve we need to know more than "do you like us". We need your opinion on other aspects of our services such as timeliness, effectiveness, appropriateness, and thoroughness. This information will ensure that we have effective processes in place that address the needs and characteristics of our community.

With these questions in mind and with a commitment to continuous improvement, HHHS will be asking all visitors to our Emergency Departments in Minden and Haliburton during the last two weeks of September for specific survey feedback on their experience. This information along with our annual survey of Long Term Care residents and families will give us a good measuring stick to evaluate our performance. With the information we receive we will be able to build upon our strengths and develop remedial plans where necessary to improve upon weaknesses. These surveys will provide the community with a clear voice that will be heard across our organization and have an impact on what we do in the future.

Recently the Central East Local Health Integration Network (CE LHIN), which for the sake of simplicity can be considered HHHS' regional "boss", informed residents across our region (from Scarborough to the west and Cambellford to the east and Haliburton to the north) that they too are surveying people on Emergency Department utilization. They have undertaken to poll 1000 people from across our vast region on why they go to an ER. Their focus is to understand why some people go to an ER when it might be more appropriate for them to receive service at a clinic. This information will ostensibly be used to plan regional services that will assist the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to meet the government's initiative to reduce wait-times. The CE LHIN web-site also has a survey on its home page that asks the same question. We have been informed that CE LHIN representatives may show up at Hospitals across the region to ask people directly why they choose to go to an ER. The surveys may seem like duplication but they address similar but different aspects of our services. The LHIN wants to know "why" you go to an ER in order to plan services across the region. HHHS wants to know "what" you experienced at our own ERs in order to improve the services we provide to this community.

We will post the results of our surveys on our web-site hhhs.on.ca and invite you to take a look. In the meantime if you have any questions about the surveys or any of our services please don't hesitate to contact me at 457-1392. □

Community Satisfaction Survey Helps Opp Assess Service To Ontarians

(Haliburton, ON.) – A Community Satisfaction Survey is scheduled to begin in Central Region in September of 2009 to solicit public opinions about the services the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) deliver to the communities we serve.

The Community Satisfaction Survey is a telephone survey that randomly selects members of the public (16 years or older) who live in Ontario. The survey takes about 5 to 7 minutes to complete and is strictly voluntary. Those contacted and willing to participate are asked about issues such as community security, perceptions of crime and youth issues in the community, OPP presence in the community, its service delivery and even how the OPP investigates crime and enforces the law.

The information provided by those surveyed is being collected by a research consultant, R.A. Malatest & Associates Ltd. that has been retained by the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services. The information is treated confidentially and the names, telephone numbers, and addresses of those surveyed will not be included in the survey results provided to the OPP.

The OPP has previously conducted detachment level surveys in various communities policed by the OPP by using volunteers making phone calls from the detachments. This is the first time the OPP will be using an independent consultant to conduct the surveys.

Once the surveys are complete, the results will be used in the Detachments' Business Plans to direct future policing programs or initiatives and may be made available to the public or used in press releases. Detachment Commanders, Police Service Boards, other civilian bodies and/or municipal leaders may use the research information.

The Ontario Provincial Police would like to thank those who participate in the Community Satisfaction Survey and who take the time to help the OPP in its vision of Safe Communities…..A Secure Ontario. □

Search Warrant Executed

(Haliburton, ON.) – On the 26th of August 2009 members of the OPP Central Drug Enforcement unit executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act Search Warrant at a residence on Wilkinson Rd in the Township of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton. Inside the residence Officers located an indoor marihuana grow operation.

Officers seized 508 marihuana plants of various sizes, 47 grams of marihuana bud and a large amount of hydroponic grow equipment.

The Ontario Hydro Power Theft Team also attended the scene.

No charges have been laid at the present time. Police estimate the value of drugs seized at $508,000.00 and the investigation is continuing. □

Dysart Youths Charged With Vehicle Theft in Carlow-Mayo Township

In the early morning of Sunday the 30th of August 2009 Officers from the Bancroft OPP were dispatched to the report of a motor vehicle collision on Old Fort Stewart Road in the Township of Carlow-Mayo. Investigation revealed that the Dodge car was stolen. A 17 year old male young person of Dysart Township was arrested and charged with theft over, possession of stolen property and mischief under contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada and under 19 years consume alcohol contrary to the Liquor Licence Act. A 17 male young person of Dysart Township was arrested and charged with theft over, possession of stolen property and mischief under contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada and fail to report collision and class G1 licence holder blood alcohol above zero contrary to the Highway Traffic Act and under 18 years consume alcohol contrary to the Liquor Licence Act. Both young persons were released from custody and are scheduled to appear in Bancroft court on the 15th of October 2009. □

Male Charged

(Haliburton, ON.) – Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment charged a male with Racing this past weekend.

On Sunday August 30, 2009, just after 12:30am an officer was patrolling Highway #35 in the Township of Minden Hills when he observed a vehicle northbound on Highway #35 at more than 50 km/h over the posted 80km/h speed limit.

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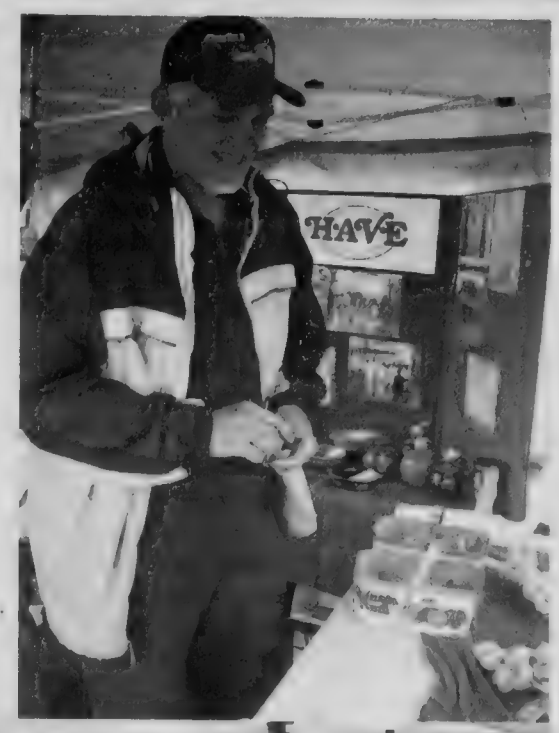
Second Annual Garlic Fest



Lower Left: Charlie Robb
Far Left: Doug and Barb Nash
Left Above: Ron Reid
Left: Jane and Rick Ratcliffe

Celebration and Sadness

Haliburton's Second Annual Garlic Fest took place last weekend at the Carnarvon Bowl and was once again a rousing success. Despite a light rain and unseasonably cool temperatures, well over 500 people visited the several garlic growers' booths, as well as the many other food and craft related displays.

Carnarvon Bowl Owner Chris Trakosas showed his great generosity and community spirit by offering his pool hall room to vendors who didn't have proper canopies, or whose wares might be damaged by the rain. But despite the warm community cheers, the absolutely wonderful garlic, the home-made hummus, organic veggies, and interesting crafts, a great sense of sadness was in the air due to the news of Charlie Robb's death just a few days before.

"His imprint is all over this Festival," said garlic grower Doug Smith. "He got so many garlic gardeners going with his knowledge, enthusiasm and his generous gift of his time. Along with his wife Sheila, they really founded the Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association (HCGGA), and they spent hours promoting and organizing many events."

Ron Reid agreed, saying that "Charlie and Sheila got me into it, and it's been a great joy to work with these marvellous plants, with their help. The whole Haliburton farming community will miss Charlie."

But for all of that, the garlic was as luscious as ever: vendors included Doug and Barb Nash, Ron Reid, Jane and Rick Ratcliffe, and Angel and Richard Taylor, who have been nurturing their own garlic patch for over 10 years, and currently has 4300 plants. Gary Anderson also had a booth selling John Kellett's stock.

Charlie and Sheila Robb cultivated over 7000 plants this year. When Charlie fell ill in June his fellow garlic growers banded together to help Sheila harvest the crop.

A celebration of Charlie's life will be held on Sunday, September 13th: for further details see the notice in this week's issue of the Voice. □

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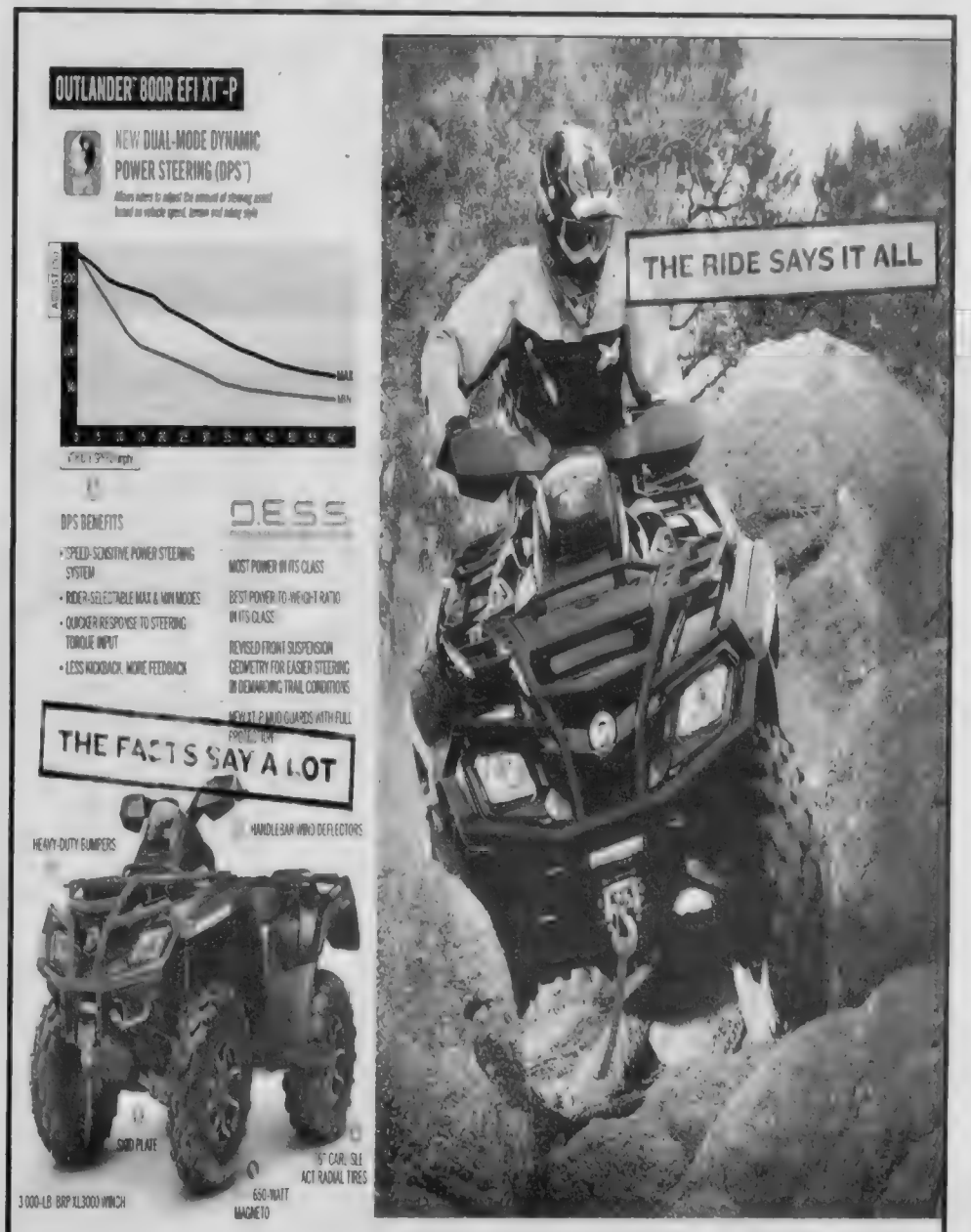

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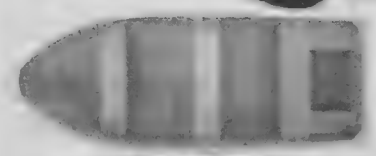

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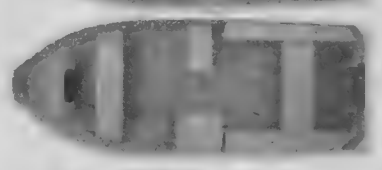

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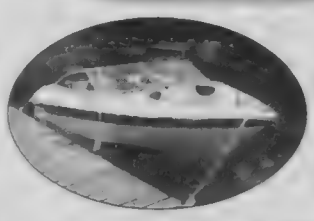

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Sears Haliburton Hosts the Coast to Coast Riders

This year marks the sixth annual Coast to Coast Against Cancer Tour for Kids Ride and the highly successful fundraiser blew through Haliburton this past August 22nd.

The Haliburton Sears store was proud to be a local host for the event, although as owner Martin Russell pointed out, "The Coast to Coast Foundation people are really super-organized. They provided food and water at all the rest stops, with experienced ride marshals all along the route."

This year's Southern Ontario ride saw approximately 400 cyclists travel defined routes of 100, 160, or 200 kilometres each day. This is just one of dozens of events that the Coast to Coast Foundation sponsors, and fully 100 percent of the funds raised go directly to the three pediatric oncology camps in Ontario and their year-round programming in 52 Ontario communities for children and their families living with and beyond cancer. And did you know that childhood cancer is the number one cause of non-accidental death in our children, more than all other pediatric diseases combined. Support for childhood cancer is chronically underfunded.

The Coast to Coast riders and supporters are behind the Tour for Kids Ride because "the pediatric oncology camps are about a lot more than just 'camp'. They enable these very brave children to feel normal and not tragic, a critical component in having hope and living with and beyond cancer." Over the past five years over $ 5 million have been raised by Coast to Coast.

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Dashing for Dollars

Runners Young and Old Fundraise and Have Fun

Mark Arike
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In the past 12 years the Kash Dash has been responsible for raising about $60,000 for Canadian Physicians for Aid Relief (CPAR). And this past Saturday afternoon, runners young and old converged upon the Wigamog Inn to raise more money for the work of the non-profit organization.

The first race was one-kilometre in length and featured kid contestants, while the second jog was 10-kilometres long and was for adults. Following the races, awards were presented to those who finished with the fastest times, and some were recognized in less competitive categories such as the "best dressed".

"This is phenomenal!" said CPAR fundraising manager Claire Wadhwani, who came from Toronto to catch all the action. "Of all towns, Haliburton always goes above and beyond – not just for CPAR but also in supporting other community initiatives."

Organizer of the event Steve Ferracuti said that he expected this year's run to raise about $8,000.

"It's a combination of entry fees, pledges and local community sponsorships," said Ferracuti on how the funds are raised. He also pointed out that for the past two years an anonymous cottager has matched pledges of $5,000

The CPAR organization runs a number of programs that help build and sustain healthy communities in rural Africa. Their efforts include improving access to clean water, an adequate food supply, primary health care services and a safe and healthy environment. □

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Warden's Classic a Hit

Fifty-six players with an extremely wide range of golfing skills hit the Haliburton Highlands Golf Club course last Wednesday for the 2009 Warden's Classic Golf Tournament. It was a perfect day for golf with a little breeze, lots of sunshine and 14 teams vying for a number of prizes that could only e considered an added bonus to a wonderful afternoon lark.

Members of the four councils, county and some municipal staff as well as a number of associates or spouses joined in and set politics aside as they waited for the shot gun start at 2:00 p.m. sharp.

Whether the players choose to walk the course or drive a cart, the sounds that could be heard from across this beautiful and rugged spot overlooking Kashagawigamog Lake were a sure sign that everyone was having a terrific time. Great hoots could be heard as shots were made or missed, balls stolen and calls were made for the roving refreshment cart.

Warden Dave Burton proved to be an absolutely madcap cart driver as he led the way, something that can be attested to by novice golfer (and intrepid reporter) Liz Danielsen and Broadband Coordinator Jamie Parks, who won the dubious honour of actually hitting the warden from behind with a long shot.

Shirley Gordon and Paul Dorman won the prize for being closest to the pin and Bob Nichol and Ann Lavery each won the prize for the longest drive. Each of the winners received a $50.00 gift Certificate for the LCBO.

Burton's team, consisting of Paul Rosebush, Bev Billings and Danielsen ended up tied one under with Murray Fearrey's team; Donna McCallum and Glen and Shirley Gordon. To break the tie, they all trooped down to about 30 yards from the last green with an official, who marked the ground. While the rest of the players cheered them on from the club deck, each team member alternately chipped in to the pin from there.

Fearrey's chip was closest to the pin, winning each of his team members tickets to the Argonauts/Tiger Cats September 11th game, compliments of Miller Paving, and (as if it was something they wouldn't have had anyway), invitations to the Warden's Banquet in November. The Warden's Classic Golf Tournament trophy will be officially presented to the winners at the banquet.

The players were joined by a number of spouses and partners for a sumptuous steak dinner and a bit more revelry after the game, compliments of Warden Burton.

Burton recognized the generous donations made from KJ Beamish Construction, Royel Paving, Shawn Hagerman, the Haliburton Chamber of Commerce, Winslow Gerolamy, Paul Dorman, Dan Murphy from MSO Construction and the Mulligan Club who helped to support the day's event. □

Top: Paul Rosebush and Dave Burton watch a chip shot in amazement.
Middle: Tamara Wilbee (County Clerk) takes time out waiting to tee off.
Above: Hoooo hit that drive? An owl decided to join in on the festivities.

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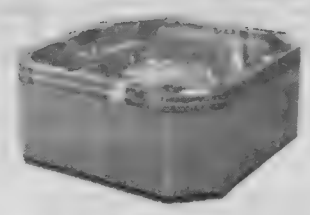

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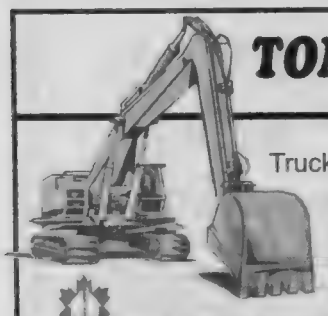

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Dear Abby
by Abigail Van Buren

Student Hopes Friendship Graduates Into Relationship

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 22-year-old male who has never been in a serious relationship. About six months ago, I went away to grad school and met a girl. We have become good friends. We talk a lot and I flirt, but I'm not sure if she's flirting back. She laughs at my stupid jokes and touches me when we joke around, but I think she may regard me as just a friend. I enjoy having her as a friend, but I can't stop thinking about how I'd like to be more than just friends. Should I take the chance and tell her how I feel and risk our friendship -- or let things remain the way they are? -- WANTS MORE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR WANTS MORE: Take the chance and tell her. Faint heart never won fair lady. A clue that she might be mutually attracted to you is the fact that she touches you. If she isn't attracted to you, you can still be friends -- but you'll be psychologically free to look elsewhere for romance. Please write back and tell me what happens -- I'm dying to know.

DEAR ABBY: I have just learned that my older sister, "Lindy" (who is currently living with our parents), has been married for two months. I'm the only one who knows. Lindy's husband moved out of state to take a temporary job. I know if my parents knew, they'd be upset and would no longer allow her to live with them. Their position is if you're old enough to get married, you should be financially independent. As it stands, she is currently on their medical insurance, pays no rent and is attending school on their dollar. She and her husband had planned to keep this a secret from everyone. I just found out, and it makes me sick. She's getting a free ride at my parents' expense. I promised Lindy I'd keep her secret, but I think what she's doing is wrong and has the potential to hurt my parents financially and emotionally. I am tempted to tell them anyway. How do you think I should handle this? -- I'VE GOT A SECRET IN UTAH

DEAR GOT A SECRET: You should strongly encourage your sister to level with your parents for the reasons you stated. But do not betray her confidence because if you do, she will never confide in you again. It's not as though Lindy is on drugs, unmarried and pregnant or in a life-threatening situation. Your parents will find out eventually, and she'll face the music then. **

For week of: Sept 7th

Horoscopes
It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You set your goals with assurance and influence others to follow suit. You would be an excellent philosopher and teacher.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It might not be wise to pursue goals involving others, unless you can stop impulsively rejecting new ideas. Either open your mind or wait until next week, when this "ornery" mood passes.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for the Bovine to be creative and practical for yourself and your surroundings. Shop wisely, not impulsively, and keep your Bull's eye focused on quality, not quantity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You should feel more confident about moving ahead with plans that had to be delayed by an unexpected turn of events. Also, family matters might need more time than first anticipated.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be considerate of others as you move into a new area in your professional life. Take time to meet people and discuss mutual goals. The more you get to know each other, the better.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Creating a fuss could get your ideas noticed quickly. But it would be best to present your case, and then wait for a reaction to follow in due course, rather than try to force it to happen.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Unkept promises might cause plans to go awry this week. You can either grumble about people "letting you down" or find a way to make the best of it and move on. The choice is yours.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Putting off making a commitment early in the week could be a good move. Best to act when you know you're making an informed decision. Expect more facts to emerge by the week's end.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A recent act of kindness on your part could take on special meaning this week. Also, look for signs of upcoming changes in both your personal and professional relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Many of the tougher communication barriers between you and others in the workplace or at home could begin breaking down this week. Expect some surprises to emerge.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your "tough love" attitude toward someone you care for could be misunderstood. Try to be less judgmental and show more consideration in the way you relate to that person.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unexpected workplace challenge could be daunting. But take what you know (and you know more than you realize) and apply it to the problem, and you should see positive results.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Recent relationship changes for both single and paired Pisces continue to influence much of your week. Keep your focus on developing the positive aspects as you move along.

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ACROSS
1 Unoriginal thinker?
6 Shimon of Israel
11 Sack
14 Actress Tilly
17 Fit to feast on
19 Barber of Seville
20 — Baba
21 Conduit fitting
22 Speaker of remark at 44 Across
25 Golfer's gadget
26 Inventor Whitney
27 Playing card
28 Caustic
29 Actress Alicia
30 Spool
31 Karloff's colleague
35 Riyadh's religion
37 Deal with a dragon
40 Iraqi city
41 "Forget it!"
44 Start of remark
51 Bustle
52 Home on high
53 Russian ruler
54 Caviar
55 — Branco, Brazil
56 Musical chord
57 Brandy bottle
59 Adds lace
61 London gallery
63 Always, poetically
64 Bucket
65 Monks' milieus
67 Glowing
69 Sharp-shooter
72 Justice Fortas
73 Writer Hilaire
76 Like fine wine
77 Standard
79 Interstate exit
83 Trite
84 Coaxed
86 Laramie and Sumter
88 By means of
89 Inc., in England
90 South African plant
91 Thespian
92 Word form for "bone"
93 Part 2 of remark
100 Most competent
101 Produces prunes
102 Jacob's brother
103 Competitor
105 Truly
107 Neatnik's nemesis
110 Important numero
111 Absurd
114 Cry of contempt
115 Summer quencher
118 Capek play
119 End of remark
125 Exist
126 TV's "— Got a Secret"
127 "Dancing at Lughnasa" star
128 Beethoven symphony
129 Spear-headed
130 Dress size
131 Long for
132 Panegyrize

DOWN
1 Marseilles mother
2 Adored one
3 Conserva-tive skirt
4 — Saud
5 Baseball's Boyer
6 Brooch
7 "The — and I" ('47 film)
8 Actress Cassidy
9 Miscalcu-late
10 Couches
11 Boxer Max
12 "— Really Want to Do" ('65 hit)
13 More light-headed
14 Ancient science
15 Actress Verdugo
16 Shimmer
18 Bronte heroine
19 Weldon or Wray
23 Mario — Monaco
24 Reserve
30 Rug type
31 Spiked the punch
32 Dos Passos trilogy
33 Kennel threat
34 Paddle
36 — Tome
37 Hurt
38 Actress Cornell
39 In progress
40 Herding dog
42 1970 World's Fair site
43 Historic org.
45 Make a doily
46 "From — Eternity" ('53 film)
47 Buffalo waterfront
48 Pasta peninsula
49 Refusals
50 — Moines, IA
57 Lost luster
58 Schubert song
59 Recede
60 Mailer's "The — Park"
62 First name in scat
64 Kid at court
66 Hungarian composer
68 Unwell
70 Raring to go
71 Distinctive eras
73 British spa
74 Strove
75 Religious sects
78 Comic Johnson
80 Maintains
81 Baryshni-kov, familiarly
82 Couturier Jean
83 Diner order
85 Typical
86 Destined
87 — Lanka
90 "Stroker —" ('83 film)
94 Cops' org.
95 Prohibited
96 "Kookie" Byrnes
97 Mispickel or galena
98 "Bah!"
99 Society miss
103 Bucolic
104 Harden
106 Full of gossip
107 Sea plea
108 Rob of "The West Wing"
109 Midwestern airport
112 Church area
113 Prayer finale
114 Seed
115 Dismounted
116 Art —
117 And more of the same
120 Ideologue's suffix
121 Singing syllable
122 "Tell — No" ('65 hit)
123 Female turkey
124 Bagel partner

ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: SPORTS
(e.g., To start an NHL hockey game, how many players are on the ice? Answer: Twelve.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL
1. How long is a period in an NHL game?
Answer_____
2. For what does the letter "U" stand in the acronym scuba?
Answer_____
3. Who was baseball's "Georgia Peach"?
Answer_____

GRADUATE LEVEL
4. What did Roger Bannister break?
Answer_____
5. What is the name of the NBA team based in Washington, D.C.?
Answer_____
6. Name any two events that comprise women's gymnastics.
Answer_____

PH.D. LEVEL
7. What ball must weigh no more than 1.62 ounces?
Answer_____
8. In motor racing, what color signifies danger?
Answer_____
9. What is located at East 161st St. and River Avenue, Bronx, N.Y.?
Answer_____

ANSWERS: 1. Twenty minutes. 2. Underwater. 3. Ty Cobb. 4. The four-minute-mile barrier. 5. Washington Wizards. 6. Vault, balance beam, floor, uneven bars. 7. Golf ball. 8. Yellow. 9. Yankee Stadium (new).

SCORING:
18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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NOTICE

INVITATIONS / EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
PROPERTY PURCHASE

The township of Algonquin Highlands is inviting and accepting "Expressions of Interest" for the property owned by the municipality as follows:

Parcel No. 1 - Part Lot 31 Concession 5 Stanhope part of Part 1 Plan 19R7965.
The property consists of approximately 1.6 acres with 200 feet of frontage on Stanhope Airport Road. This property is developed with a single family dwelling and an open metal Quonset hanger building.

Parcel No. 2 - Part Lot 31 Concession 5 Stanhope part of Part 1 Plan 19R7965.
The property consists of approximately 1.58 acres with 293 feet of frontage on Green Lake Road and 150.77 feet of frontage on Stanhope Airport Road.
This property is vacant land.

"Expressions of Interest" should include proposed future uses; renovations; new development; additions and proposed purchase price. All proposals will be considered having regard to proposed uses and purchase price.

Successful Applicant will be invited to submit a formal "Offer of Purchase & Sale."

HIGHEST OR ANY PROPOSED Purchase Price Not Necessarily Accepted.

"Expressions of Interest" will be received by the undersigned at the township municipal office located at 1123 North Shore Road until September 15, 2009.

Further information may be obtained from the township website at
www.algonquinhighlands.ca
or at the municipal office at (705) 489-2379

Site arrangements may be arranged by contacting John Packer, Airport Manager at (705) 754-2611

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Candidates interested in the position should submit an electronic cover letter and resume **no later than Friday, September 18th at 12:00 p.m.** to the attention of:

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These contract positions have been made available to the County of Haliburton as a result of a successful funding application to Industry Canada.

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Rotary president Maureen O'Hara, Vice President Robert Van Nood, County Librarian Bessie Sullivan, Dysart Councilor Andrea Roberts, and Rotary Past President Jim Miners.

The Haliburton Rotary club has generously donated $10,000 to the Dysart Library fundraising committee, and they will receive the honour of having the children's area named after them. They have also donated $5,000. to purchase books which will benefit children throughout the county library system. Rotary International has made it part of their mandate to promote literacy worldwide and so the Haliburton Club feels this donation meets that important goal.□

DEATH NOTICES

Charles Robb
1941-2009 After a short serious illness Charlie died peacefully on Thursday, August 27, 2009, in the Peterborough Regional Health Centre. He will be missed so much by Sheila, wife of 48 years, sons, Kirk and Dale, daughter Debbie and husband Barry and grandson Carson: his two sisters, Jean, Louise and husband Roger, predeceased by his brother Jim and sister Lorraine. Fondly remembered by his sister-in-law Janice, husband John and family and not to forget all the many relatives and friends of Charlie and Sheila.

Keith Kernohan
Appliance Service Technician for Sears Canada for 40 years Passed away peacefully at the Lakeridge Health, Oshawa on Friday, August 28, 2009 after a lengthy illness at the age of 62.Dear son of the late Andrew and Annie Kernohan. Lovingly remembered by his children Angela (Don), and Richard (Catherine) and by their mother Valerie Kernohan. Dear sister of Barb (Tom) Parish, Alex (deceased) (Sharon), and Ken (deceased) (Linda). Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Clarke Simpson
Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Friday, August 28, 2009. At the age of 86. Beloved husband and Best Friend of the late Glenda for 62 years. Dear father of Lynda Shearer and her husband John, James and his wife Jeunne. Loving grandfather of Carole Jones (Jamie), David Lacey (Berniece) and great grandfather of Stephanie and Theresa and great great grandfather of Nathan. Dear brother of Rhoda Horton, Gladys Swayne and predeceased by Ruth Pilling, Zeta Byrne. Brother-in-law to Glenna Young, Ann Condor (Gord) and predeceased by Grace Kelso (Herb), Robert (Bob) Young (Marjorie), Joseph (Joe) Young, Frank Horton, Dexter Pilling, Bill Swayne and Leo Byrne. He will be sadly missed by his many nieces, nephews, cousins and numerous friends.

Courtney Ablett
Peacefully with his family at his side on Tuesday morning, August 25, 2009 in his 70th year. Beloved husband of Betty Ablett (nee McLean). Loving father of Keeley Timbers of Gilford, Darla (Doug Goobie) of Innisfil, Dawn (Marc Stevenson) of Richmond Hill and Tracy Ablett of Aurora. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Melissa, Justin, Julia, Roy, Taylor, Chloe, Kyle & Matthew. Survived by his two brothers and one sister. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Municipal Notices

Haliburton County Council Notice of Special Meeting

The Council of the County of Haliburton will hold a Special Council meeting on September 9, 2009 at approximately 10:00 a.m. for purposes of awarding a Roads Department Tender.

A further Special Council meeting has been scheduled to take place on September 26, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. for purposes of discussing the County Official Plan update.

All meetings are held in the County Administration Building located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden.

Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk
County of Haliburton

DEATH NOTICES

In Loving Memory

Baumhour, Sean William Bruce

Suddenly, at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Haliburton, on Tuesday, August 25, 2009. Sean Baumhour, age 15, was the loving son of James and Cindy (Smith) Baumhour of Harcourt. Loved brother of Ryan and Tyson. Loving grandson of Bill and Sandy Smith of Harcourt, and the late Bruce and Marjorie (Shaw) Baumhour. Loved nephew of Betty (Ed), Wanda, Wayne, Mark (Michelle), Mike (Sherry), Jeff (Shelley), and Nancy (Robbie). Loved by all his cousins and friends. Sean's family received relatives and friends at the M.G. Daly Funeral Home (200 Old Hastings Rd., Maynooth) on Saturday, August 29, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. A Service for Sean took place at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home, with Pastor Wayne Rutter officiating. Cremation followed at Lakefield Crematorium. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Wilberforce Minor Hockey Association, in Sean's memory would be appreciated by the family. (Cards available at the funeral home (613) 338-3259 or e-mail condolences to dalyfuneralhome@bellnet.ca or visit www.mgdalyfuneralhome.com).

In Loving Memory of

Charles (Charlie) Robb

1941-2009

After a short serious illness Charlie died peacefully on Thursday, August 27, 2009, in the Peterborough Regional Health Centre.

He will be missed so much by Sheila, wife of 48 years, sons, Kirk and Dale, daughter Debbie and husband Barry and grandson Carson: his two sisters, Jean, Louise and husband Roger, predeceased by his brother Jim and sister Lorraine. Fondly remembered by his sister-in-law Janice, husband John and family and not to forget all the many relatives and friends of Charlie and Sheila.

In accordance with Charlie's wishes, cremation has already taken place. Memorial donations can be made to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and/or to Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

A "Celebration of Life" will be held Sunday, September 13, 2009 at the home of Charlie and Sheila Robb, 1574 Buckslide Road, Carnarvon area, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. The family welcomes all who wish to join them in celebrating Charlie's life.

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Pets & Agriculture

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Golden Rescue, The Canadian Golden Retriever Adoption Service Inc. URGENTLY needs foster homes, vet services, "forever" homes, donations, members, fundraisers/volunteers. Help us care for this magnificent breed. Anything you can do would be greatly appreciated. For information please contact us at 1-866-712-8444 or visit www.golden-rescue.net. (TFN)

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED – River Kings are looking for a Trainer with basic CPR, the Trainer needs to travel with the team. They are also looking for a Security Guard with previous experience, there is no traveling required, only to Home games. If interested please call, 705-286-3194 or fax resume to 705-286-3197. (TFN)

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Pampered Chef –looking to earn additional income? Have fun? Be your own boss? For more information , to book a show ,or to place a order ,Call : Tammy 705-489-1374 Or E-mail tammyhosken@hotmail.com Your Independent Pampered Chef Consultant. Remember we do fundraisers too!!(TFN)

For Rent

FOR RENT – Prime Retail Location, 2300 square feet at street level. Highland Street in Haliburton. Please call Peter Curry at 705-457-3771. (TFN)

WANTING TO RENT – Quiet, mature, responsible professional seeking accommodation in Haliburton County – September time frame. Preferably on /near water. Furnished or un-furnished, non smoker, no pets, respectful of nature and the property of others. Call 705-286-3829 or 416-994-0532 (msg)

FOR RENT – One or three bedroom apartment for rent. Heat, hydro, basic satellite included. Ready October 1st, 2009, $1000 for one bedroom, and $1200 for three bedroom. Situated on Gull Lake, no smoking or pets, call 705-286-2190. (SeptB)

FOR RENT – Two bedroom, two bathroom, overlooking Dark Lake, from Tall Pine Road (Wilberforce), baseboard electric, $700.00 per month plus utilities, first and last, no pets. Call 705-457-9015. (SeptD)

HOUSE FOR RENT – Three bedroom, large yard, laundry room, dishwasher, propane heat. Halls Lake community. $750.00 per month plus utilities. First and last required. Available September 1st. Call 705-489-4247. (SeptC)

For Rent

APARTMENT FOR RENT – One bedroom apartment, Maple Lake area, suits single person, private deck, Heat and hydro included. References required, no smoking, no pets, first and last required, $630.00 per month. Please call 705-754-9732. (SeptA)

FOR RENT – Two bedroom 900 square feet spacious adult apartment, Maple lake area. Two entrances, deck off main bedroom. Basic satellite/ heat and Hydro included. References required, no smoking, no pets, first and last, Available September 1st, 2009. $825.00 per month, please call 705-754-9732. (SeptA)

For Sale

NEW COMPLETE SEPTIC SYSTEMS. 30 Years of experience in Minden and Haliburton area. We take care of all paperwork and permits. Fully licensed, health unit inspected. Call for a free estimate, Brent Coltman Trucking and Excavating at 705-286-3952 or 1-800-357-8711 (TFN)

FOR SALE – 14' Deep Hull Smoker Craft, 25HP Mercury mariner H.D Shore Lander trailer $3995.00. Please call 705-286-2900 (evenings) (TFN)

FOR SALE – ¾ Acre lot in Minden, water and sewer hookup, 4 bedrooms, fixer upper on property, $40,000 Call 705-455-3929. (SeptB)

FOR SALE – Tractor bush hog and myself to mow overgrown field, $60.00 per hour. Call Don Outram in the evenings at 705-448-2190. (SeptD)

FOR SALE – Yard works 18 inch, 12amp electric lawn mower. Very good condition, asking $80.00. Call 705-489-2079. (SeptB)

FOR SALE – Boat Trailer (Ez Loader)$600.00, 12' Aluminum 13 boat (Lund)$350.00, 14' Aluminum 13 oat $300.00, 12' Boat Wipps, 15' Insulated chimney, UL approved, and cap $300.00. Call 705-457-1007 or 705-457-1006. (AugD)

FIREWOOD FOR SALE – Dry and hardwood. Call 705-455-9186 after 6p.m. (SeptC)

FOR SALE – Beautiful Findlay Oval kitchen wood burning stove. Upper warming closet and water reservoir. Asking $750.00o.b.o. Similar new units are over $5000.00. Call 705-286-2685. (SeptA)

FOR SALE – ATV 2004 Arctic cat 650 V twin. Really nice condition. Asking $4500.00. Call 705-286-2685 (SeptA)

FOR SALE – ATV 2007 Polaris 450 lady owner new condition, very low mileage. Like new asking $6000.00. Call 705-286-2685. (SeptA)

For Sale

FOR SALE - Winchester Mod 94 30-30 pre 64, mint condition, F.A.C required $400.00 firm. Call 705-447-2266. (SeptA)

FOR SALE – Craftsman lawn tractor 13.5hp, used very little, new battery, $525.00. Call 705-447-2266. (SeptA)

FOR SALE – 1988 Dodge Ram pick-up, 122,000kms, original paint and most parts, one owner, excellent condition, appraised value $7500.00, $6200 certified or best offer, call 705-457-1513. (SeptB)

FOR SALE – Pass load nail gun, couch and chair – both recline, dining room table and chairs, call 705-448-3492. (SeptA)

FOR SALE – 1993Yamaha Kodiak 4x4 ATV, call 705-448-3492. (SeptA)

FOR SALE – 1963 International Tractor with front loader, call 705-448-3492. (SeptA)

FOR SALE – 1988 General Mobile Home 14x72 with 12x16 added room. Has central air conditioning. Great for home, cottage or hunting camp. Must be moved, call 705-448-3492. (SeptA)

FOR SALE – Maytag portable dishwasher $75.00, Dehumidifier $50.00, Selkirk Troubadour wood stove, can be used as a fireplace comes with screen and tool set two speed fan $350.00, Stainless steel chimney sections 2" insulated - $30 per piece, Fire wood 18-24" lengths $100 per face cord. Call 705-754-4018. (SeptA)

FOR SALE – Air compressor (gas) Speed Air, 5.5hp Honda engine, 175psi, $750.00, call 705-489-3309. (SeptA)

FOR SALE – Kitchen and Bakery equipment for sale, pans, utensils, racks, counters, industrial mixer, commercial oven. Call for appointment 705-447-9916. (SeptA)

FOR SALE – Patio door 6 foot, white vinyl complete with wood frame, $35.00 cash, call 705-448-2248. (SeptA)

FOR SALE – Fish tank and accessories $175.00, Sofa $75.00, class two trailer hitch $75.00, call 705-457-2450. (SeptA)

Wanted

WANTED - Old or antique used furniture, one piece or whole estates bought plus clean-up of everything also cars, trucks, boats trailers if the price is right I will make you a deal on anything call Richard in Tory Hill at 448-3920. Clean up of scrap cars or metal as well. (TFN)

WANTED TO PURCHASE – Mobility Scooter, phone 705-448-2266. (SeptA)

ODD JOB JACK – Your local handyman – 448-9965. For any and all odd jobs. What can we do for you? Email oddjobjack@yahoo.ca(TFN))

Services

PROFESSIONAL RADON GAS TESTING AND MITIGATION SERVICES – Radon Gas causes lung cancer. Protect the health of your family. Test your home. Call Mr. Radon at 1-888-472-3664 or visit www.mrradon.ca (TFN)

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GET "R" DONE HANDYMAN – Yard clean up and maintenance, tree removal and trimming, garden landscaping, docks and odd jobs. Phone Dave at 705-457-6757. (TFN)

APPRAISALS – Professional Appraisals at reasonable cost. Specializing in Oil Paintings, Watercolours, Hard Cover Books, Stamp Collections, etc. By appointment only. Daniel D. Zakaib, B.Sc., CPA-A.A. Call 705-457-1041 or 1416-987-8750. (SeptA09)

GARAGE SALE – Keep the image and money; shop the Lily Ann, 33 York St. Haliburton.

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE – Everything under the sun, 9a.m. – All day, Saturday September 5th, 2009 and Sunday September 6th, 2009. 1235 Nichols Road (Off Gelert Road, formally County Road #1. (SeptA)

YARD SALE - More than stuff, 1678 Horseshoe Lake Road, Minden 9a.m.-3p.m. Saturday September 5th, 2009. (SeptA)

LARGE YARD SALE, IN GREEN BARN – Saturday of the long weekend, September 5th, 8a.m.-1p.m. Computer desks, leather chairs, colour television, home décor, furniture, plants, small boat, built-in oven, kitchen stuff, area rugs, and lots more. (SeptA)

GARAGE SALE – September 5th and 6th, 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m. 1016 Halls Lake Road, 10kms North of Carnarvon. Rain or shine, antiques, furniture, clothes, household items, and leather recliner. (SeptA)

FOR SALE

Wood working shop contents ready for custom cabinetry and wood working person to start production of projects and services. 1600 sq ft of shop space in Haliburton Industrial park lease negotiable Equipment for sale as listed below: There is more

10' certified spray booth 400 sq ft of spray area with help guns lots of stains and finish. Delta T40 7HP 600V14" tilting arbor table saw with lots of blades Excalibur guard dust hood, 600v 75KV transformer 600v 45KV transformer, Cyclone 5hp 240v dust collection air recovery system, IMA 24" Cervinex thickness planer 5hp 600v spare blades, 2hp busy bee spindle shaper with lots of bits cutter, and fence jigs 220v, Porter cable Omni jog 24" dove tail jog with 1-1/2hp porter cable router and bits, Holtzer Edge Bandar machine Sprint 1310-1 multi head fully automated 600v, Techquip 5hp closed cell 60gal 220v air compressor, Performax 16-32 Drum sander 220v open end sander self feeding speed controlled, 2 drill presses King Canada and Rexon 34" radial arm drill press, Porter cable pocket hole cutter with stand, 2 Blum mini drill pneumatic mini drill press 220v with attachments and lots of hinges mounting plates.

Second floor contents:
Trademaster 15" thickness planer 220v, Trademaster 8" jointer 220v, Trademaster 10" contractor table saw with fence, lots of blades, Delta 14" band saw with spare blades, 42" x 6" Panco stroke sander 220v with spare belts, Bar clamping rack with over 100 bar clamps variety of lengths, 48' trailer 16' trailer GMC cube van.

Lots of wood, screws, hardware, in stock.
A Must See Package.
Take all asking price $50,000.00

Contact Lakeland Millwork 416-427-9050
Leave a message. Viewing on weekends
At 81 Mallard Road, Industrial Park, Haliburton, Ontario
Relocation Sale

Help Wanted

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Full time and part time Kitchen Staff.
Apply within for great opportunities.

Fax resume to 457-4973 Phone 457-2795

Thank You

Thank You

A very special thank you to all of Haliburton County,
for your kind words, cards, food,
the benefit dance and the baseball game,
at the time when both Spencer and Rebecca needed the support.

Love and God Bless
The Bacon and Neave-Campbell families.

Thank You

I wish to say how much I appreciate the Birthday Party that was held in my honor on August 30, 2009 at the Minden Curling Club. Thanks for the gifts, cards and money, also to Lois Autumn and Jerry and every one who worked so hard to make it a great success.

Thank You
Bradley Trumbull

Thank You

We would like to say Thank You to the people who saved Brad's life by pulling him from the river and applying CPR as well as the ambulance drivers, fire men, and the person who called 911; the doctors and nursing staff at Minden Emergency Hospital. At this time names we do not know, but we are sure the good Lord will bless each and everyone. Again may we thank everyone, bless you all.

Bradley Trumbull & Family

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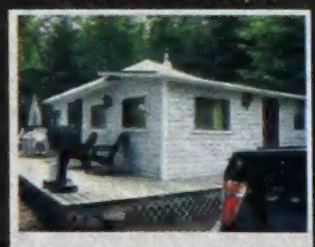
Bus: (705) 489-1235

BURNT RIVER - $109,000

Cozy 3 bedroom cottage with loads of character. Features stone fireplace, pine floors. Level lot with 250 feet frontage on the Burnt River. Cottage could use some TLC and is priced to sell. Estate sale being sold 'As Is'. No hydro.

David Lee * 286-1234 ex. 231

HORSESHOE LAKE - $259,000



Charming, maintainence free and very private is the best way to describe this 2 bedroom cottage on Horseshoe Lake. Pine interior with walk out to a spacious deck by the lake. You will enjoy the clean waterfront and big lake view. Horseshoe Lake is close to Minden and amenities, plus a two lake chain.

David Lee * 286-1234 ex. 231

HIGHLAND GATE - MINDEN - $279,000

Lovely three bedroom bungalow in prestigious area of Minden. Large level lot with town water and sewer on year round municipal road. Home features master bedroom with ensuite. Beautiful sunroom leads out to large deck and back yard. Full finished basement with rec room, 2 bedrooms and bathroom.

Tom Gardner * 286-1234 ex. 224

CRYSTAL LAKE - $149,000

Renovated three bedroom cottage with deeded access to Crystal Lake. Features; drilled well, heated line, fully winterized, full basement, small barn for storage, dock space available. Great beach. Great for ATV or snowmobile. Large 2 acre lot.

Peter Franzen* 286-1234 ex. 222

KNOB HILL COURT - $279,000

Beautiful family bungalow in an area of fine homes. Four bedroom 1,564 sq ft home. Home features: built-in microwave, wood stove, fully finished basement, rec room, 4 pce & 2 pce baths, plenty of storage area plus utility room. Recent upgrades include' new roof in 2009.

Ed Gibbons * 286-1234 ex. 225

KUSHOG LAKE ROAD - $349,900

Outstanding 4 bedroom brick home. Well kept home that features a large eat-in kitchen, rec room, office, finished lower level with walkout to patio area and a deck. Master bedrooms has a balcony & a 4 pce bath. Home has 1,500 sq ft of living space, with Bay window in livingroom, plus a attached garage.

Ed Gibbons * 286-1234 ex. 225

GULL LAKE - $599,900

Prime waterfront parcel on prestigious Gull Lake offering 193 ft frtg & 1 acre. Rugged natural setting w/ majestic pines & breath taking panoramic SE view. Clean deep smooth rock shoreline, natural granite walkways & extensive decking/ docking. Panabode cedar 3 + bdrm 4 season log home plus much more.

Al Mayo * 286-1234 ex. 233

KUSHOG LAKE - $489,000

TOTAL PRIVACY on much sought after Kushog Lake. Year round 3 bedroom cottage on a well treed lot with no grass to cut. Relax in the hot tub, enjoy the clean waterfront and west facing exposure. Large docks and lots of area at the lake. Yours to enjoy every season.

Al Mayo * 286-1234 ex. 233

HALLS LAKE - $399,000

Beautiful 3+1 BR waterfront home/cottage on Halls Lake. Open concept living makes it great for entertaining. Huge master bedroom, main floor laundry, walk-out basement. Also has 2 BR bunkie for guests. One of the Vendors is a Registered Real Estate Salesperson

Tom Gardner * 286-1234 ex. 224

CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD - $154,900

Licenced sand and gravel pit - large acreage in Kinmount area with large beaver pond - deeded access off Galway Road.

Peter Franzen* 286-1234 ex. 222

PERFECT BUILDING LOT - $35,000

One terrific building lot- private, cleared with the septic already installed! What a saving! This gorgeous lot comes with a shed and is just a short stroll from the public beach on Halls Lake and a stone`s throw away from the Kennisis River and fabulous tubing into Halls Lake! Hurry this lot won`t last.

Lindsay Elder ** 286-1234 ex. 223 or 457-5878

CALL TODAY!

Please call me for a no cost, no obligation home or cottage evaluation

Lindsay Elder ** 286-1234 ex. 223 or 457-5878

COUNTRY LIVING - $164,900

Enjoy great privacy on this 67 acre parcel. Two plus one bedroom home with a large living room and separate dining room, walk-out basement with sliding glass doors. Separate 2 car garage. Call Patti or Hal.

Call Patti or Hal at 705-457-0819 or 457-7538

CLEAR LAKE CLOSE BY - $189,900

Well appointed bungalow has beautiful views from the bay window in the front livingroom and then out the back from the screened-in sunroom onto your own 5 acre forest. A combination of wood and linoleum flooring in the open concept kitchen, living and dining areas.4 bdrs., 2 bathrooms and loads of parking.

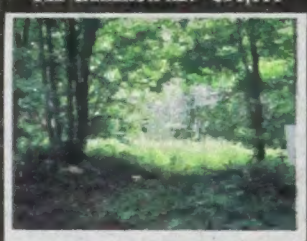
Call Patti or Hal at 705-457-0819 or 457-7538

GRACE LAKE - $899,000

Stunning log waterfront home or cottage located on one of Haliburton County`s pretties lakes. Enjoy the hard sand shoreline and an inground spa plus extensive decking. Features 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, vaulted ceilings, open concept, floor to ceiling fireplace.

Larry Hussey * 286-1234, ext 230

OLD CAMERON RD. - $30,000



1.41 Acre back lot on private road off Highway 35 and Sandy Bay Road - nicely treed building lot - old dug well on property - walking distance to Gull Lake.

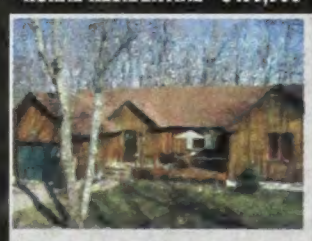
Susan Johnson * 457-2414, ext 44

PINE LAKE - $379,900

Beautiful level Pine Lake (3 lake chain) over 1/2 acre manicured lot with 147 ft frontage of sand shoreline. Expansive true west 'sunset' view, superb municipal paved dead end road access, double driveway w/ detached dble gar. provides ample parking. Meticulously maintained original 1,750 sq. ft. one level 'Viceroy' 4 season home/cottage features cathedral ceilings w/ floor to ceiling windows & brick FP main floor laundry & family areas, plus much more.

Anthony vanLieshout** 457-2414 ext. 27

RURAL RESIDENTIAL - $199,900



Excellent rural residential property on 5.76 acres. 2 + 1 bdrms, 2 bathrooms, lge eat-in kitchen w/ separate dining rm area w/ walk-out to deck overlooking the vast hardwood forest. Main floor laundry rm. All ceramic & wood flooring throughout. Att. 2 car garage. Many upgrades incl. newly renovated lower level with walkout. Close to public access on Contau Lake and all groomed snowmobile trails.

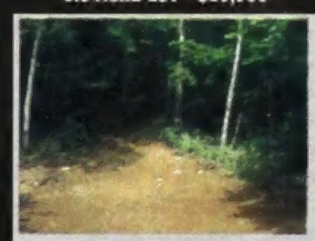
Debbie Cumber* 457-2414 ext. 24

MCCUE LAKE VIEW - $99,900

The perfect family 3 bedroom starter home. Expansive sunset view across McCue Lake from your sunroom. Well maintained landscaped lot with built-in outdoor fireplace. Heated insulated workshop. Bathroom renovated with ceramic floors and ceilings, new oil furnace, drilled well and pump. PLUS MUCH MORE!!

Chris & Michelle Smolarz * 457-2414 ext. 22

3.6 ACRE LOT - $29,900



An excellent well treed building lot, with easy access off of a year-round municipally maintained and paved road. Close to Wilberforce Village and just down the road from the public access at Clement Lake. The driveway has been installed into the lot and there are a couple of nice spots to choose

Chris & Michelle Smolarz * 457-2414 ext. 22

KOSHLONG LAKE - 399,900

KOSHLONG Beautiful gentle sloping deep lot with 137 ft frontage and .86 acres backing in to crown land. Maintenance free 3 bedroom home features cathedral pine ceilings, nice birch kitchen, dining room area with spotless high end wood airtight stove, extensive decking/docking, large 38' x 26' steel garage/workshop.

Lorri Roberts * 457-2414 ext. 43

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LK - $399,900

Approximately 3,000 sq. ft. of living space including studio and full finished walkout lower level. Also includes a double attached insulated garage and lakeside boathouse. Features 3 fireplaces, beautiful decking, patio areas, screen porch, sunroom, 2 full washrooms, wetbar, large principle rooms, several walkouts plus more!

Susan Johnson * 457-2414, ext 44

12 MILE LAKE - $599,000

STUNNING NEW LOG HOME on gentle lot tucked into a small bay of 12 Mile Lake with sand waterfront. Features open concept living room with vaulted ceilings and loft. Huge covered porch back & front with gable windows, newly finished with basement almost finished, heated basement floors (radiant).

Larry Hussey * 286-1234, ext 230

LITTLE KENNISIS LAKE - $379,000

Ready to start your summer holidays check out this 3 bedroom cottage with 3pc bath, den /porch, combo living room /dining. Guest cabin. All this on a beautiful sloping 163 ft lot with NW exposure, sunsets, granite shoreline, deep water, great swimming

Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel * 754-1932

KENNISIS LAKE - $1,695,000

Paradise at this 3400 sq ft Post and Beam cottage on approx. 1275' of shoreline 4.91 ac . spectacular living space with custom kitchen. 2 docks, a bunkie, fully finished lower level w/rec rm/work-out rm, workshop & huge craft room. Lg garage with loft with living quarters and porch. Sunsets from your own island.

Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel * 754-1932

PARADOX LAKE - $799,900

Private Lake close to Haliburton. Architecturally designed custom-built 2496 sq. ft. 5 year new home nestled on a point with spectacular sunset views. Energy efficient insulated poured concrete design/construction features vaulted ceilings, floor to ceiling brick fireplace, heated slate and hardwood floors, plus loads more.

Lorri Roberts * 457-2414 ext. 43

TROOPER LAKE - $224,900

This wonderful property is everything a cottage should be - shallow sand shoreline with deeper water off the dock for swimming, deck for barbequing, an interior loaded with wood, great views of the lake from the large windows, a woodstove and a bunkie.

Anthony vanLieshout** 457-2414 ext. 27

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